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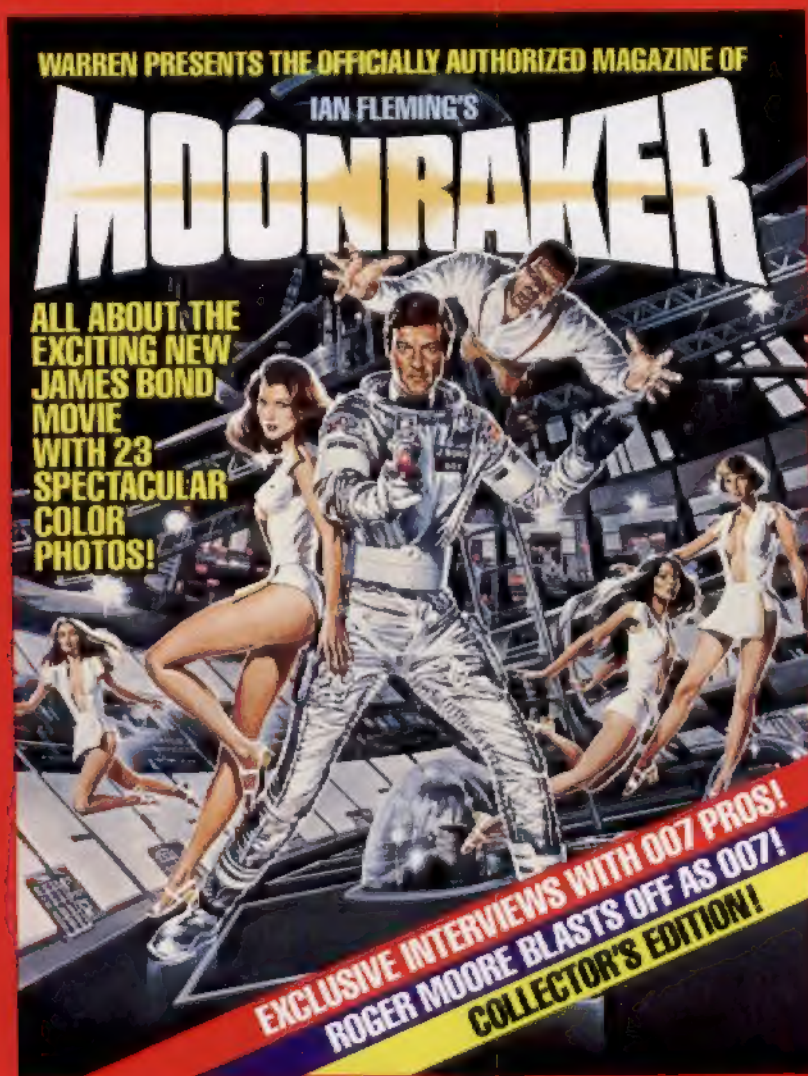
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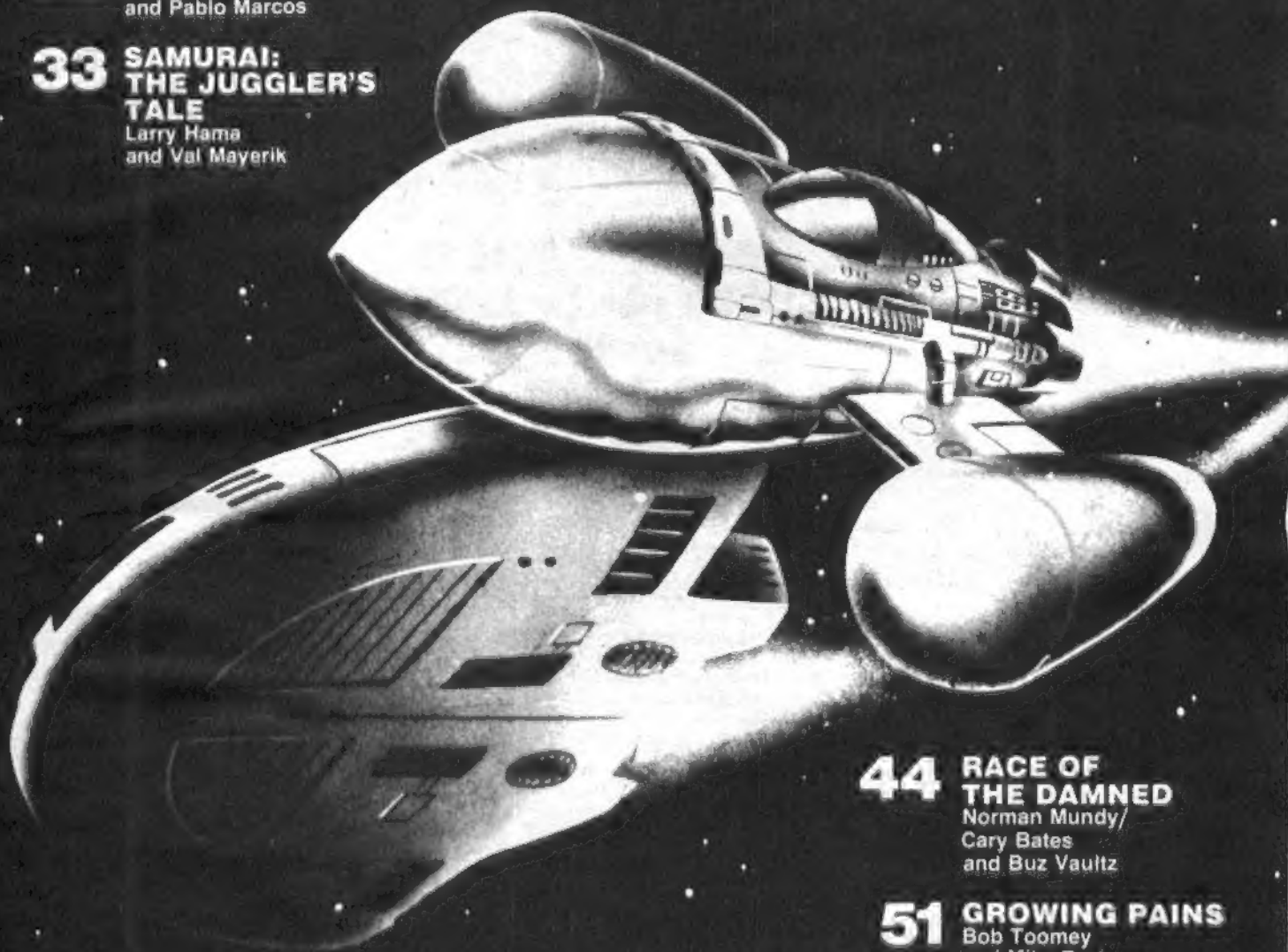
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Dear Cousin Eerie,

Excellence! That is what I have to say about the series "The Trespasser"! Paul Gulacy's art in issues #103 through #105 almost matched that of Rich Corben with its three dimensionality and its detailed preciseness. Let's see more of Gulacy! I especially liked the way he handled the character of Ward Cavanaugh. He made him tough but not macho.

GLENN ZIMMERMAN
Lafayette, La.

I was very disappointed with EERIE #104. Now don't get me wrong—the stories that were there were great! But where was the Hama/Mayerik Samurai epic? When the "Art of Killing" ended in CREEPY #106 I was heartbroken. When "Credentials" appeared in EERIE #103, I revived. But you promised a continuation in #104!

I must say that Larry Hama's scripting is fantastic and the art of Val Mayerik is truly superb. Those two guys produced the story of my dreams. I've been waiting a long time for you dudes to do a martial arts story, and now you've done it to perfection!

AIC FRED PATTERSON
Mahn Air Base, Germany

I liked the story about the Rook battling his own robots. That story tells something about what can happen when machines run amok. And I loved Leo Duranona's "Horizon Seekers."

JIMMY FEARS
Atlanta, Ga.

The final episode in "The Trespasser" series, "Ruins" had excellent art from Paul Gulacy... much better than the first two episodes. Don McGregor's writing tended to be self-conscious in places but it was gripping nonetheless. Will we see more from these two?

BRIAN CADEN
Cincinnati, Oh.

Both Gulacy and McGregor are hard at work on some really exciting new stories. Expect "Blood on Black Satin," by Doug Moench and Gulacy, next.

For some time now I've noted the emergence of comics writers into other fields, mostly paperbacks.

Now I've seen a hardcover novel called "Chasing Hairy" by Michael L. Fleisher. Is this the same guy who compiled the "Superman Encyclopedia" and wrote "Night of the Yeti," among other Warren stories?

If so, comics writers have come a long way... but I hope that this doesn't mean Fleisher is deserting comics. His stories are among my favorites!

ALEX RUDNIN
New York, N.Y.

Yes, Alex, it is the same Michael Fleisher. No, he isn't deserting comics... at least not totally. In fact, several of his tales are slated for upcoming issues.

Every year about this time, letters pour into Warren Publishing suggesting, entreating, even demanding that a specific artist, writer or story be featured as the year's Warren Award Winner. Therefore...

COMING NEXT ISSUE THE OFFICIAL BALLOTING for the 1979 WARREN AWARDS

This year...

YOU will collect your carefully hoarded issues of CREEPY, EERIE and VAMPIRELLA, on sale in 1979!

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YOU will choose the WARREN AWARD WINNERS!

For more information and the official ballot, pick up
EERIE #109, on sale December 27th!

Where in hell did you find the inspiration to compile the wonderful, great, terrific EERIE #103? "The Rook" and "Ariane" were very good stories, but "Credentials," "The Trespasser" and "The Horizon Seekers" were just amazing!

Don McGregor, Paul Gulacy, Cary Bates, Leo Duranona: your work is fantastic! But the Number One story is, without doubt, "Credentials." Val Mayerik's art was very, very good and Larry Hama's script was spectacular! Hama did make one little mistake, though. On page 47, Do-Shin mentions "... Daruma founder of the Shao-lin temple." Daruma wasn't the founder of Shao-lin, he was the 28th patriarch of the Dhyana school of Buddhism, and he lived almost nine years in that temple. But that is minor. "Credentials" is a magnificent saga of courage and honor and I hope the Young Master stays around as long as The Rook!

JESSE WESTPHAL
Mexico City, Mexico

At last!! The return of Mac-Tavish!!! I've been long waiting for the next installment of this series, and I wasn't disappointed! The low-key humor and deep characterization just breathes life into what otherwise would be a tale of political intrigue!

And finally, proof positive that Martial Arts lives!! Larry Hama's and Val Mayerik's "Lair of the Assassins," the latest in their "Samurai" series was the most exciting yet! With each test of himself, the Young Master faces ever more incredible odds, and a continual compounding of contradictory and ironic illogic—all in the name of honor. I haven't read a page of this series yet that hasn't left me completely exasperated, emotionally totalled. Lord Yagyu asks if the boy knows the penalty for harming a princess of the realm—and seconds later fully admits to being guilty of the very crime. I anxiously await the next chapter!

HENRY KUJAWA
Camden, N.J.

It's been such a long time since I've enjoyed a Warren magazine the way I enjoyed EERIE #105!

I don't want to bore you so I'll make it as brief as possible: More Don McGregor! More Paul Gulacy! More Bruce Jones!

However the Rook, "Mac Tavish" and your bushido piece, "Credentials," are your best continuing series. "Mac Tavish" and "The Rook" are pure adult fantasy and are exceptionally well written.

PV. 2 DON NEWSOME
Fort Ord, Cal.

It's hard to comment on anything when it's all being continued & continued & continued... has EERIE become a soap opera? I can see a popular character such as the Rook or VAMPIRELLA having a few continued stories... but why make everything continued? I can see a two-part story but "Trespasser" and "Horizon Seekers" are already going on the third installment... and we are still in the dark as to the reasons behind the plots...!!

EDWARD WOJCIK
Detroit, Mich.

The advent of the eighties brings us all the things we've been expecting (Ted Kennedy, California earthquakes) and those we didn't (Elvis Costello), but the repercussions as evinced in EERIE #106 really made me think. "Hard John's Nuclear Hit Parade" has made my comics "hit parade"!

Jim Stenstrom's masterpiece has brought Warren full circle from the sixties when *Blazing Combat* was created for a generation that realized what real horrors man's folly has wrought. EERIE #106 was your scariest issue yet because it was—as is the best science-fiction—believable.

I'm sure you'll get a lot of flak, but we will soon find out. All the prophecies, earth changes, pollution (nuclear and otherwise), greed—mankind's do-it-yourself destructo-kit—have brought us to the beginning of the end. Thank you for evoking this response in me. Stenstrom took a great risk and, like his peer Don McGregor, has the insight with which to open men and women's hearts. Enough of us can save a world. Encore!

JOSHUA M. ORZECK
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Cousin Eerie,

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THE RUMBLE OF HIS FIGHTER'S ENGINES STIRRED ANCIENT MEMORIES IN TAGLON'S MIND. PRIMITIVE MEMORIES OF A TIME NOT LONG AGO WHEN HIS ANCESTORS HUNTED GANGREWS AND HOOVED WILDEBRANS ACROSS THE WELDT OF REGULUS III WITH NO MORE THAN A SLING-A-RAM TO BRING THEM TO THE DUST.

TAGLON'S CLAWS RAKED THE POLISHED METAL CONTROLS OF HIS TERRAN-MADE CRAFT -- TALONS BARELY FORMED INTO HANDS -- AS HIS VOICE GROWLED INTO HIS COMM-MIKE.

REGULIAN TECHNOLOGY WAS COPIED FROM THE TERRANS' AND TO THE MORE ADVANCED HUMANS, TAGLON'S RACE WERE MERE BEASTS IN MEN'S CLOTHING! YET THE REGULIANS POSSESSED A SIMPLE NOBILITY THE TERRANS HAD LOST SOMEWHERE IN SPACE.

IT WAS THE PRIDE OF THE HUNTER FREE TO STALK ON HIS OWN LAND.

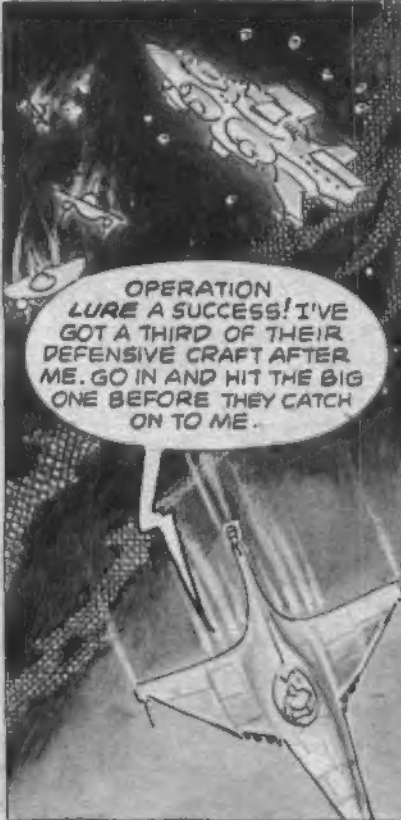
MAMMA'S PRIDE TO HERD LEADER. THE TRACKER CONFIRMS T.E.F. CRUISER ON ATTACK COURSE TO ENGAGE MAMA!

A Lion In Our Midst



THERE'S THE
TERRAN CRAFT! RANGE
3-2 MEGS. IN QUAD C. I'LL
LURE AS MANY OF HER
CUBS AS I CAN. THE REST
OF YOU GO IN FOR
A KILL.

WITH SKILL EQUAL TO THE TERRANS' FINEST PILOTS, TAGLON GUIDED HIS FIGHTER INTO THE THICK OF THE T.E.F. (TERRAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) ESCORT CRAFTS.



OPERATION
LURE A SUCCESS! I'VE
GOT A THIRD OF THEIR
DEFENSIVE CRAFT AFTER
ME. GO IN AND HIT THE BIG
ONE BEFORE THEY CATCH
ON TO ME.



TAGLON! IT
WAS A TRAP! THE
BATTLE CRUISER WAS A
TERRAN DECOY... NO LIFE
FORMS ABOARD. A
SECOND CRUISER IS
AFTER MAMMA AND
WE'RE TOO FAR AWAY
TO HELP.
THE TERRAN
FIGHTERS ARE
DESTROYING OUR
FORCES... THERE'RE
TOO MANY OF THEM!
TOO--



KA-FALOOM!

A FLASH OF BLINDING RADIANCE IN FAR DISTANT SPACE HERALDED THE DESTRUCTION OF TAGLON'S MOTHER SHIP.



BY ASORV'S HORN! THERE WERE
THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED OF US
ABOARD. THIRTY-FIVE
HUNDRED AND...

...MAGLA!
SHE WAS
AFRAID FOR MY
SAFETY! OH MY
LOST LOVE... OH
WHAT A STUPID
WASTE!

TAGLON HOWLED IN PENT-UP GRIEF AND RAGE BUT HE KNEW THAT IN SPACE, THE TERRANS WERE THE MASTERS. WITH ANIMAL CUNNING, HE DROPPED TO THE SURFACE OF REGULUS III. THERE, ON HIS HOME WORLD'S SURFACE, HE WOULD DIE AS HIS ANCESTORS HAD, TAKING HIS ENEMIES WITH HIM.

EFFIVE TO
REGULIAN FIGHTER!
THAT DISABLING SHOT
WAS INTENTIONAL. WE
WISH TO TAKE YOU
ALIVE!

LAND
IMMEDIATELY
OR WE WILL
OBLITERATE
YOU!

KWOOM!

TAGLON LANDED. THE
BARESKINS HAD GIVEN
HIM THE COVER HE
NEEDED. A FEW MO-
MENTS MORE AND
THEY'D REGRET THEIR
SMUGNESS.

I KNEW
THIS'D BE A MILK
RUN. SURE THEY RAISE
A RUCKUS IN A FIGHT,
BUT KICK 'EM IN THE GUTS
AND THEY FOLD UP
QUICK!

UH...
HE'S STILL
CARRYING HIS
WEAPON,
SARGE...
HE'S--

BRAT-DAT-DAT-BRAT

MUST FIND
SHELTER. THEN
THE TRUE HUNT
BEGINS.

BZING

BONG

ZING



I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHANCE AGAINST THEIR LASER RIFLES BUT I CAN SURE DAMAGE THEM SOME BEFORE THEY PUT ME IN THE DUST!



BY ASORUS! THEY'RE STAYING OUT OF MY RANGE BUT I'M NOT OUT OF THEIRS. IN TWO SECONDS THEY'LL HAVE MY CO-ORDINATES AND THEN...



WHAT THE... A RESCUE BEAM? BUT IT CAN'T BE FROM ANY REGULIAN SHIP.

ONLY THE BARESKINS HAVE SUCH A DEVICE. WHY WOULD THE TERRANS WANT TO PLUCK ME FROM THEIR OWN FORCES?



SO THERE'S THE ANSWER. A GADFLY SHIP. THEN IT ISN'T A RESCUE. I'M JUST BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ONE HERD OF JACKALS TO ANOTHER.



LAY DOWN YOUR WEAPON, TAGLON. I KNOW WE GADFLYS ARE CONSIDERED ENEMIES BY BOTH THE TERRANS AND REGULIANS, BUT OUR MISSION IS NOW AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF PEACE.

TIBOLT IS TELLING THE TRUTH. WE GADFLYS COME FROM MANY WORLDS AND OUR PURPOSE IS TO END INTERPLANETARY WAR!

WE MEAN YOU NO HARM. PLEASE BELIEVE US!



YES, YOU'RE AN **ENEMY** TO US **BOTH**. YOU RAID THE **TERRAN** EMPLACEMENTS AS WELL AS OURS AND YOU TRANSFER **SECRETS** TO **BOTH** OF OUR GOVERNMENTS.

EXACTLY! WHO CAN FIGHT WITH A **GADFLY BUZZING** AT HIS EAR, **STINGING** AT HIS BUTTOCKS?

EVENUALLY ONE'S ONLY RE-COURSE IS TO MAKE **PEACE** WITH ONE'S OPPONENT. WE DRIVE THEM BOTH TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE JUST TO BE **RID** OF US.



THAT'S **INSANITY!**

TRUE, BUT IT **WORKS!** LOOK ABOUT YOU. DENZENS OF A **DOZEN** WORLDS WHERE OUR "INSANE" METHOD HAS BROUGHT **PEACE**.

WE'RE **NOT** ASKING YOU TO **JOIN** US, ONLY HELP US IN **ONE MISSION!** AND IT MAY **BENEFIT** YOUR PEOPLE!



I DO OWE YOU **MY LIFE**.

TELL ME... WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO **DO?**

NOT MUCH...



LATER...

YOU WANT ME TO **IMPERSONATE** GENERAL CLEX AT A **PEACE CONFERENCE?** ARE YOU **MAD?**

NO, CLEX AND GENERAL WALTERS PLAN TO ARRANGE A **TEMPORARY TRUCE** WHILE THE **TERR** RANGERS WIPE US **OUT!** THEN THE **WAR** WILL **CONTINUE!**



WE **INTERCEPTED** WALTERS' MESSAGE TO CLEX. CLEX DOESN'T EVEN KNOW A MEETING WAS **PROPOSED**. WE WANT YOU TO BE **UNCOOPERATIVE** WITH WALTERS AT THE CONFERENCE OR ELSE WE'RE **DOOMED!**

AND YOU **TRUST** ME TO CARRY THIS MISSION **OUT ALONE?**

I'M AFRAID **NOT**, TAGLON. WE'RE GOING WITH YOU... **DISGUISED** AS YOUR AIDE. THESE **MASKS** WON'T PASS A CLOSE INSPECTION, BUT WE DON'T INTEND TO GET THAT CLOSE!

IF YOU **CUT** THOSE HEADS FROM **FALLEN** REGULIANS, I DON'T WANT TO **KNOW**.

IF WALTERS BECOMES SUSPICIOUS, HE MAY OPEN FIRE ON US!

WHY SHOULD HE BE SUSPICIOUS? WALTERS AND CLEX HAVE NEVER MET, AND YOU LOOK ENOUGH LIKE CREX TO PASS FOR HIM IN THE EYES OF A TERRAN!

YOU MEAN TO BARESKINS, ALL US REGGIES LOOK ALIKE! I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, TIBOLT!

THERE'S NEEDLE EYE ROCK, GAZAI. PULL OVER TO THE BASE.

AN HOUR LATER...

WE'VE WAITED WELL PAST THE DEADLINE. I'M NOT CERTAIN IF I'M ANGRY OR RELIEVED THAT HE HASN'T SHOWN.

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, TAG, BUT HE'S COMING ALL RIGHT...

... AND HE'S NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES. THAT NUKE-TANK COULD FLATTEN AN ENTIRE MOUNTAIN RANGE!

SO, CLEX, FIGHTING FOR SIX YEARS WE FINALLY MEET! I ASSUME THAT YOU AGREE TO THE TRUCE!

... A PEACE TREATY! A FINAL LASTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. EITHER WE TALK ABOUT THAT... OR NOTHING!

MY GOD, GARY! WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO?

HE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION BUT HE CAN'T PULL IT OFF. WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM AWAY!

WRONG, WALTERS! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A TRUCE. I'LL DISCUSS ONE THING ONLY...



I WASN'T **GRAND-
STANDING**, TIBOLT!
THIS IS WHAT I HAD
IN MIND SINCE YOU
EXPLAINED THE
ASSIGNMENT!

IN ONE SECOND I LOST
THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED
FRIENDS. I CAN'T ALLOW
THAT TO HAPPEN AGAIN!
NOT WHILE I HAVE THE
POWER TO **STOP IT**!

FINE! AND WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN CLEX
HEARS ABOUT THE TREATY
HE **SIGNED** BUT **DIDN'T**
SIGN!



HE'LL **SIGN** IT ALL
RIGHT BECAUSE YOU,
DISGUISED AS **WALTERS**,
ARE GOING TO **PRESENT**
IT TO HIM FIRST!

AND WITH THE
INFORMATION
I'M GOING TO
FEED YOU, CLEX
WILL HAVE **NO**
CHOICE BUT TO
PLACE HIS AUTO-
GRAPH AT THE
BOTTOM.

ME
IMPERSONATE
WALTERS? BUT I
DON'T EVEN LOOK
LIKE HIM!



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT, TIBOLT. TO
US **REGGIES** ALL YOU
BARESKINS LOOK
ALIKE!

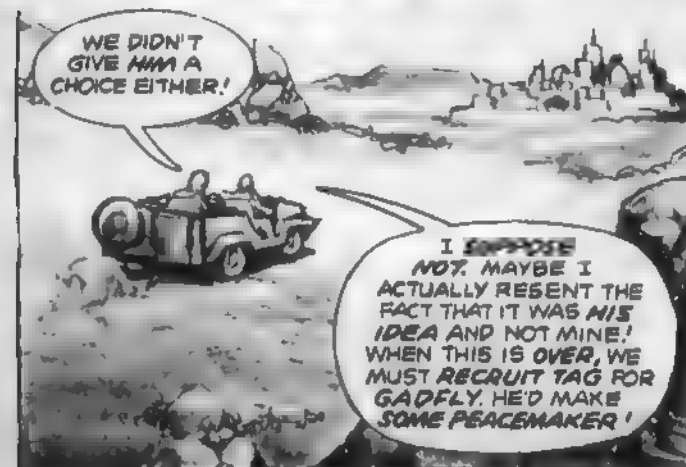
JIM, IT LOOKS
AS IF WE HAVE A
REAL LION IN OUR
MIDST.



LATER...

YOU
SHOULDN'T
GRUMBLE, JIM.
I'D BELIEVE YOU
WERE A GENERAL.

IT'S NOT
THAT, CATHY. I
RESENT BEING
MANEUVERED BY TAGLON.
HE SET THINGS UP SO WE
WOULDN'T HAVE ANY
CHOICE EXCEPT GO
ALONG WITH HIS
SCHEME!



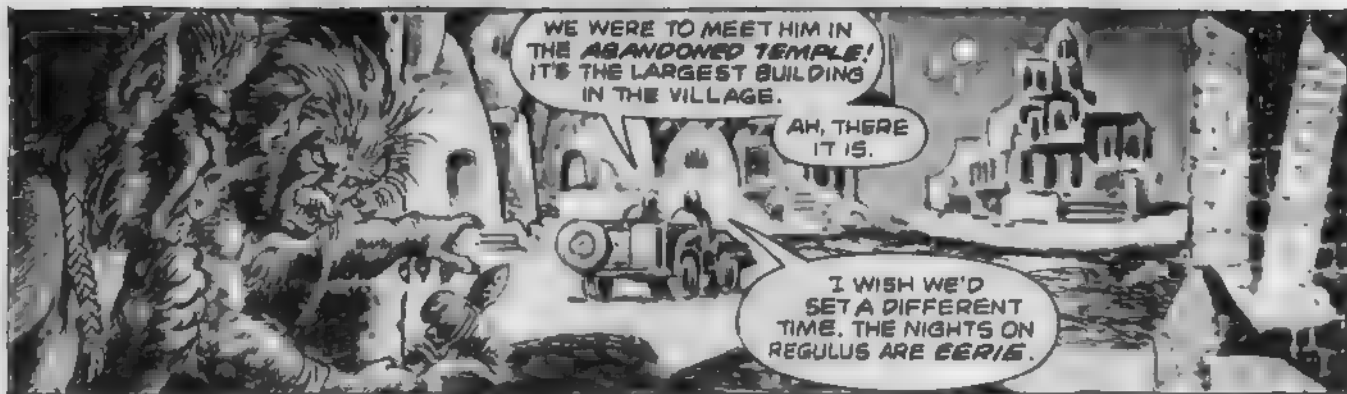
WE DIDN'T
GIVE HIM A
CHOICE EITHER!

I **SUPPOSE**
NOT. MAYBE I
ACTUALLY RESENT THE
FACT THAT IT WAS **HIS**
IDEA AND NOT MINE!
WHEN THIS IS OVER, WE
MUST **RECRUIT** TAG FOR
GADFLY. HE'D MAKE
SOME PEACEMAKER!



CLEX SAID
THE **VILLAGE**
WOULD BE **DESERTED**
BUT HIS **TROOPS** SHOULD
BE IN SIGHT. I DON'T
SEE ANYONE!

IF HE HASN'T
ARRIVED TO **SECURE**
THE AREA, WE COULD BE
IN TROUBLE. THESE LANDS
ARE INFESTED WITH **NOMADIC**
BANDS CALLED **PAMPAS**.
THEY'LL KILL A TERRAN ON
SIGHT WITH NO QUESTION
ASKED!





GOOD LORD, THEY'RE ALL OVER THE TEMPLE!

THE BLAST FROM THE PISTOL MADE THEM CAUTIOUS BUT WHEN THEY GATHER THEIR COURAGE, THEY'LL ENRAGE!



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR THEORY ABOUT THE SUPERSTITIOUS PRIMITIVES?

AS BAD AS MY NEXT THEORY, I HOPE-- THE ONE WHICH SAYS WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE.

CHUCK MY PISTOL!



ZWOOP



I APOLOGIZE FOR MY LATENESS, BUT OUR MACHINERIES WHICH ARE NOT AS EFFICIENT AS YOURS BROKE DOWN!

WE HAD TO USE OUR WILDERBRANS FOR TRANSPORTATION.

I'M GENERAL CLEX.

HOW UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU DIDN'T ARRIVE IN YOUR TANK. ISN'T THAT YOUR TRADEMARK?

IT...UH... BROKE DOWN, TOO!



OBVIOUSLY, YOU ARE HERE TO SURRENDER TO ME. WE ACCEPT! YOU WILL PULL YOUR FORTRESSES AND ALL FORCES AWAY FROM REGULUS LEAVING BEHIND A TRIBUTE OF...

HOLD ON. WE'RE NOT SURRENDERING! YOU ARE GOING TO SIGN A TREATY, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR WORLDS!



OH, REALLY? AND IF I REFUSE TO COOPERATE BY SIGNING YOUR LIST OF UN-REASONABLE DEMANDS? THEN WHAT?

HEY!

I'LL SHOW YOU.



EACH OF THOSE BURNS REPRESENTS THE LOCATION OF ONE OF YOUR HIDDEN BASES. IF YOU IGNORE OUR PROPOSAL, EVERY ONE OF THOSE SECTORS WILL BE BOMBED TO OBLIVION. YOU WILL BE LEFT WITHOUT AN ARMY!



BEFORE YOU IS OUR LIST OF "UNREASONABLE" DEMANDS. WHEN THEY BEGIN TO APPEAR TOO UNREASONABLE TO YOU, JUST GLANCE AT THE MAP AND THINK WHAT HYPER NUKE ROCKETS CAN DO TO YOUR BASES.

HMMM THERE JUST MAY BE TWO REAL LIONS IN OUR MIDST.

THEN SIGN!



WE DID IT! WE ACTUALLY COMPLETED OUR PART. FANTASTIC! THE BALL IS IN TAGLON'S HAND...UH PAWS AND I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO HAVE HALF AS MUCH TROUBLE AS WE DID!

YOU PULLED OFF A TERRIFIC COUP BUT YOU ACT AS IF THIS WAS YOUR FIRST SUCCESS!

YOU TOLD ME WHEN I JOINED THAT YOU HAD DOZENS OF SUCCESSES!



I LIED, CATHY. I'VE BEEN CHASED OFF DOZENS OF WORLDS AND I'VE GATHERED FOLLOWERS EVERYWHERE, BUT I NEVER BROUGHT PEACE...TILL NOW!

LORD, WITH TAGLON'S AND YOUR HELP, I FEEL I CAN CONQUER THE UNIVERSE.

WELL, MAYBE YOU CAN.

NOW, IF YOU'RE GOING TO KISS ME, YOU'D BETTER HURRY. PRETTY SOON WE'LL HAVE TO PUT THE REG HEADS BACK ON.



GO FIND GAZA!
AND STAY WITH THE LAND
CAR. I'M GOING TO BRING
THIS TREATY TO BAGLON.

I'LL HAVE GAZA
KEEP THE MACHINE
WARM. I THINK WE MAY
NEED TO BEAT A BANDIT'S
RETREAT AFTER YOU GET
WALTERS' JOHN HANCOCK!



THIS IS
AGENT C-47.
CAN YOU PATCH
ME THROUGH TO
GENERAL WALTERS'
AIDE?

GAZA, YOU!
YOU'RE A SPY! YOU
CAN'T BETRAY
TIBOLT THIS WAY!



I'M SORRY YOU
FOUND OUT ABOUT ME,
GARVY. IF IT'S ANY CON-
SOLATION, I'M NOT A
TRAITOR... I'M A TERRAN
AGENT... PHYSICALLY
ALTERED TO RESEMBLE
A PHYDALPHIAN.



THE GAME
IS OVER,
GARVY.

TIME FOR ALL
OF US TO COME
OUT FROM BEHIND
OUR MASKS.

THAT WAS
A LASER
BLAST!

NO ONE IS
SUPPOSED TO FIRE
A PISTOL HERE FOR
ANY REASON.



GARY!
DON'T REMOVE THE REG HEAD. WE'VE GOT TO KEEP UP THE PRETENSE!

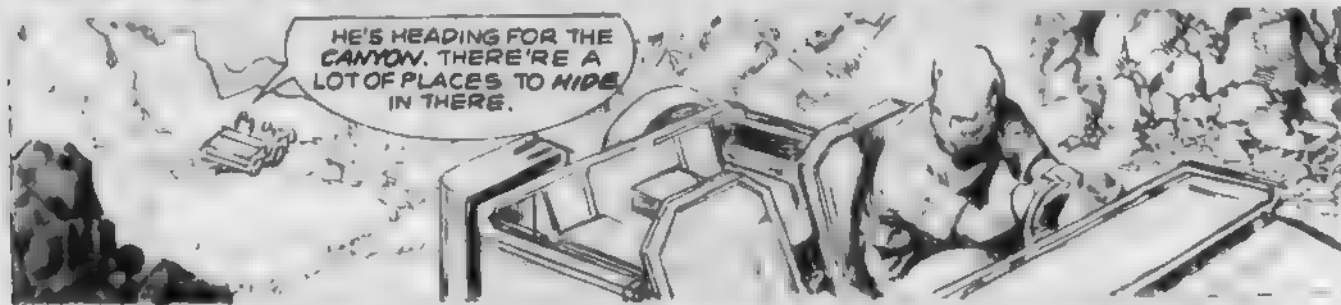


YEAH AND HOW DO WE KEEP HER ALIVE?

DON'T... TAG IS RIGHT... YOU CAN'T FAIL... WHEN YOU ARE SO CLOSE... MUST STOP GAZAI... WALTERS' AGENT... HE'LL RUIN EVERYTHING...

I'LL GO AFTER GAZAI MYSELF! YOU TAKE CARE OF GARY!

I'M COMING WITH YOU. I CAN'T BE ANY USE TO HER.
S-SHE'S DEAD!



HE'S HEADING FOR THE CANYON. THERE'RE A LOT OF PLACES TO HIDE IN THERE.



A RATINA MAZE IS STILL IN A MAZE!

ZZZZTTTT



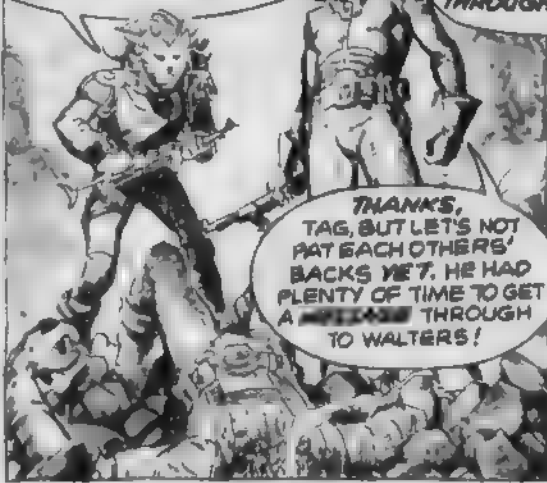
WE'LL SEPARATE. HE'S BOUND TO BE WAITING IN AMBUSH FOR US. SO WATCH YOURSELF!

YOU'RE THE ONE WE NEED. GENERAL. YOU'VE GOT TO FINISH THE GAME NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!





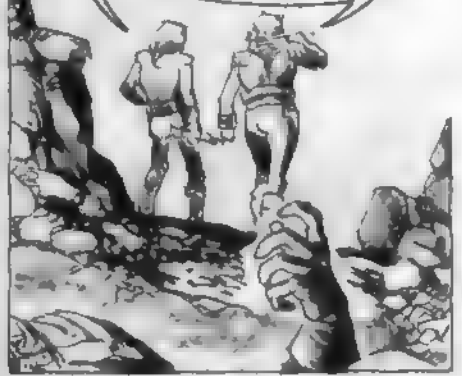
GOOD SHOOTING, TIBOLT! WHEN THE FIGHTING IS OVER, I'M GOING TO BRING YOU INTO MY TRIBE AS AN HONORARY REGULIAN!



WE COULD EASILY BE WALKING INTO OUR OWN EXECUTION WHEN WE MEET WITH WALTERS TODAY. DO WE SEE IT THROUGH OR NOT?

THANKS, TAG, BUT LET'S NOT PAT EACH OTHER'S BACKS YET. HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO GET A MESSAGE THROUGH TO WALTERS!

ALL THESE CHOICES WE KEEP HANDING ONE ANOTHER, NO MORE THAN SLICES OF BRAGORE MEAT. WE DON'T HAVE ANY COURSE TO FOLLOW EXCEPT FOR THE ONE WE STARTED!



I'VE GOT TO KNOW ONE THING. YOUR HEAD, IS IT REAL. IT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT I WANT TO KNOW!

THE MATERIAL IS ARTIFICIAL, BUT THIS ONE WAS MOLDED ON THE FACE OF A DEAD REGULIAN WARRIOR. CATHY'S...

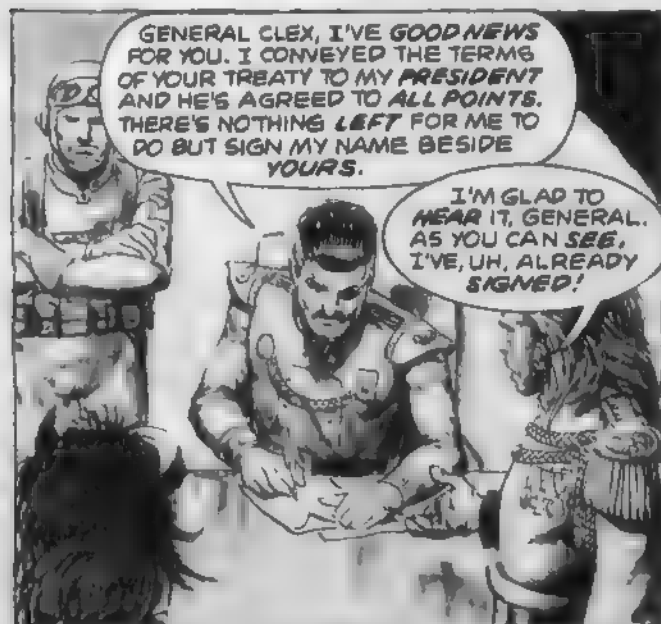
CATHY!!! WHEN DOES IT STOP FEELING EMPTY INSIDE, TAG?

NEVER DOES, JIM!



I CAN'T SHAKE THE NOTION THAT THE GENERAL IS WISE TO US AND WE'RE SACRIFICING OUR LIVES FOR ZED!

IF YOU KEEP TALKING, HE'LL SPOT YOUR LION'S HEAD AS A FAKE. JUST SHUT UP AND LET ME SPEAK TO HIM, OKAY, PAL?



GENERAL CLEX, I'VE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU. I CONVEYED THE TERMS OF YOUR TREATY TO MY PRESIDENT AND HE'S AGREED TO ALL POINTS. THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO DO BUT SIGN MY NAME BESIDE YOURS.

I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT, GENERAL. AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE, UH, ALREADY SIGNED!



THIS MARKS THE END OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN OUR WORLDS AND PERHAPS THE BEGINNING OF AN ALLIANCE.

PERHAPS!

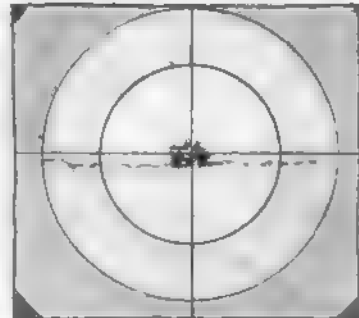
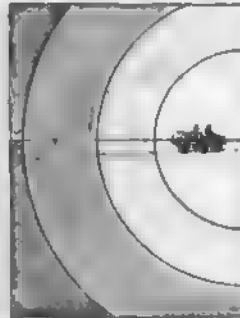
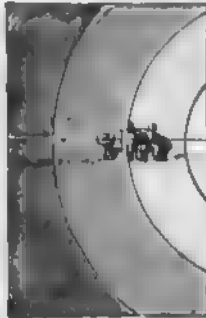
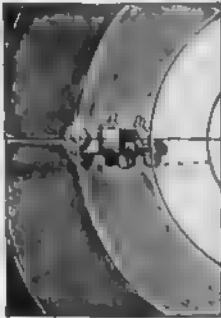
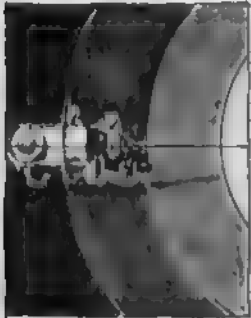


THAT'S OVER, JIM. SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
CASSA IA, ALNAIR, SIRIUS. WHERE'S THE NEXT HOT SPOT ON THE GADFLY'S LIST?

YOU'RE JOINING US? I HOPED YOU WOULD! I'D LIKE YOU TO BE MY SECOND IN...NO, MY PARTNER!



WE'VE GOT A LONG, HARD FUTURE AHEAD OF US, TAG, BUT IT WILL BE WORTH THE HARDSHIPS IF...



KA-BALOOM!



WAS THAT REALLY NECESSARY, GENERAL? I KNOW THEY WERE GADFLY AGENTS BUT THEY DID CREATE THE PEACE ON REGULUS III!

THEY KNEW TOO MUCH. SOMEDAY THEY MIGHT HAVE DECIDED TO BLACKMAIL US WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE. I COULDN'T TAKE THE CHANCE.



BESIDES, WHO DID I KILL? GENERAL CLEX AND HIS AIDE? NOT ME! CLEX IS STILL ALIVE AND HEALTHY. I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE!

YOU CAN SPOUT ALL THE PEVERTED RATIONALIZATIONS YOU WANT AT ME. I KNOW WHAT YOU DID. DOES THAT MEAN I'M NEXT?



YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED YET, HAVE YOU, MAJOR? LISTEN CLOSELY THEN TO TODAY'S LESSON. THERE IS NO HONOR IN WAR, ONLY THE APPEARANCE OF HONOR AND PEACE ALWAYS HAS ITS PRICE!

THE COMIC BOOKS by Joe Brancatelli

NOTES ON COMIC PEOPLE

• Gary Trudeau, the Pulitzer Prize winning creator of *Doonesbury*, has agreed to a revolutionary new contract with Universal Press Syndicate, the organization which distributes the daily and Sunday strip to more than 500 newspapers. Signed late last year and coming into effect about now, Trudeau's contract gives him more control over *Doonesbury* than any artist or writer has ever before had with any syndicated newspaper strip.

The new agreement, according to sources at UPS, contains four major stipulations which Universal has agreed to demand of the papers which purchase *Doonesbury*. Firstly, all *Doonesbury* clients must agree to place the strip on comic pages and not on the newspaper's editorial or "op-ed" opinion pages. Secondly, the newspapers must agree to run the strip at the size delivered by UPS (44 picas, about 7 1/4 inches wide) and not reduce it. A third clause prohibits the client newspapers from making any changes in Trudeau's cartoons or from censoring parts of the strip in any way. Lastly, UPS agreed to sell *Doonesbury* to college newspapers even in areas where general circulation daily newspapers presently buy the strip.

Trudeau's demand to be kept on the comics page—and his adamant stance against censorship or alteration on *Doonesbury*—is a direct result of the strip's controversial nature. Ostensibly about Mike Doonesbury and other college-aged students, the strip, in fact, has become perhaps the nation's best piece of political satire. Squeamish newspaper editors have, from time to time, changed or censored some of Trudeau's most biting observations. Some have even resorted to putting the strip on the editorial and opinion pages, a place sure to hurt Trudeau's readership.

• Harvey Shapiro has gotten his come-uppance from Harvey Publishing, the kiddie comics house which produces *Casper the Friendly*

fringement and it's case on a Sex Magazine would hurt it's Comics wholesome hey Leonard Darwin administrator of the Comics Code has retired— Trudeau's Contract gives him more control over

ly Ghost, Wendy the Good Witch and all those Richie Rich comic books. Shapiro, a long-time purveyor of pornography, and Larry Flynt, the publisher of *Hustler* magazine, are planning a new skin book. Shapiro wants to call it *Harvey for Looing People*, deciding people would love a porno magazine named after a real person. Harvey Publishing isn't thrilled, however. Claiming the use of the name "Harvey" is trademark infringement and its use on a sex magazine would hurt its comics' "wholesomeness," Harvey Publishing has obtained a preliminary court injunction against Shapiro's use of his own name.

• Col. Philip G. Cochran, the World War II war hero who inspired Milton Caniff to create two comic-strip characters based on him, died on August 27 at 69 years of age.

Cochran and Caniff, who went to Ohio State University together, met again while Cochran was training a fighter squadron in 1942. Caniff, then the artist/writer of *Terry and the Pirates*, promptly used Cochran as the model for the "Flip Corkin" character, a wide-eyed and fearless, devil-may-care fighter pilot. When Caniff moved on to create *Steve Canyon*, he used Cochran as a model again. This time Cochran was portrayed as "General Philerie," a character Caniff continues to use in the storyline. After hearing of Cochran's death, however, Caniff decided to drop Philerie as a tribute to his old college chum.

• James P. Gannon, the executive editor of the Des Moines (Iowa) *Register*, isn't particularly enamored of Caniff or *Steve Canyon*, however. In an editorial that consumed 42 inches of space in the Sunday, June

10th edition of *The Register*, Gannon lashed out at Caniff, his strip's "brutal, disgusting and offensive" scenes and its "celebration of the darkest instincts in humanity." Caniff, the editor wrote, "does not have the license to violate our standards . . . of good taste and decency." As a result, *The Register* announced it was immediately canceling *Steve Canyon* and dropped it from both the daily and Sunday editions.

• Claire Bretecher, a French artist whose work has been printed in the United States by the *National Lampoon*, is causing quite a religious debate back in her homeland. As the artist of the always controversial, but always applauded, *Les Frustrés* (The Frustrated) strip in the weekly *Nouvel Observateur*, Bretecher has decided to take on the powerful Catholic Church. Her strip is now featuring a series called "The Passionate Life of Teresa of Avila," a parody of the French religious heroine, St. Teresa of Avila. The Catholic Church, for centuries a strong and viable political force in France, is alarmed and screaming blasphemy. The *Nouvel Observateur* thinks it's all a great joke. A recent issue of the magazine put the cartoon version of St. Teresa on the cover with a headline facetiously asking "Must Bretecher Be Burned?"

• Cadence, the parent company of Marvel Comics, has hired a publicity woman to beat the drums for Marvel characters outside the realm of the comic-book world. Pam Rutt, the new drum beater, is unfamiliar with comics, but an experienced and highly competent public-relations professional. "I'm not really going to be involved with what the comic books will be doing," she said shortly after she was hired. "Basically, I'm going to try to promote Marvel characters for licensing, especially for television and motion-picture use."

• Leonard Darwin, only the second administrator of the Comics Code Authority in its 25-year existence, has retired. The new director is J. Dudley Waldner, a former president of the New York Society of Association Executives. Darwin will remain with the Code and its parent organization, The Comic Magazine Association of America, with the title of general counsel.

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Doonesbury than any Artist or Writer has

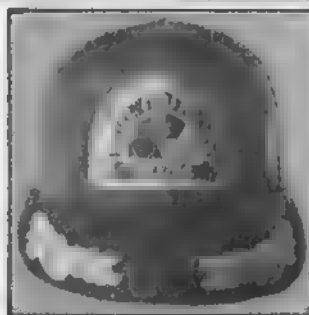
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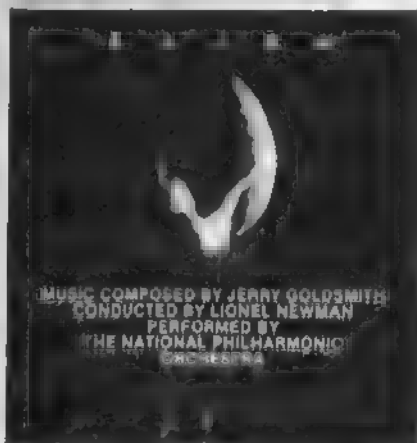
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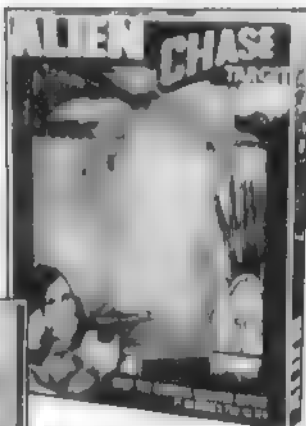
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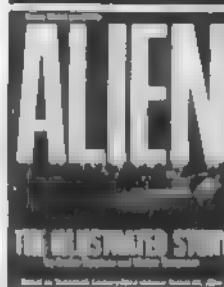
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HELP ME!
OH GOD! PETER!
PETER!

MONICA!
THE VINE!
GRAB THE
VINE!

THAT'S
IT! HOLD
TIGHT
NOW!

HURRY!
FASTER!

PABLO
MARQUEZ



RESUME. CHALLENGING MONICA'S LOVER, TYLER, TO RESCUE HER, PETER HAS FORCED THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN INTO THE JUNGLE AT GUNPOINT.

WHILE PETER, WHO'S BEGINNING TO FIND THAT KIDNAPPING IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN HE'D IMAGINED, STRUGGLES TO SAVE MONICA FROM A FLASH-FLOOD, TYLER IS SLEEPING COMFORTABLY BESIDE PETER'S WIFE, RUTH, IN A HASTILY CONSTRUCTED TREE HOUSE NEARBY...

A MERE SEVERAL MILES SEPARATE THE COUPLES, BUT IT MIGHT AS WELL BE HALF A PLANET WHEN IT INCLUDES THE TRACKLESS JUNGLE AND MONSTROUS INSECTS OF...

BEASTWORD



...WELL, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? SOMEBODY RESCUED ME, DIDN'T THEY? I SUPPOSE YOU WANT A MEDAL NOW...



YOU DID IT! YOU DID IT!

(GASP!) ...YEAH...

YOU KNOW.. (GASP)... I DON'T GET YOU... FIRST YOU CROWN ME ON THE HEAD WITH A ROCK AND RUN OFF LIKE A WILD PERSON...



...THEN, THE FIRST MOMENT YOU GET IN TROUBLE YOU CALL MY NAME INSTEAD OF TYLER'S. WHAT GIVES WITH YOU, ANYWAY?

I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T KNOW WHY I CALLED YOUR NAME FIRST...



YOU KNOW, A PERSON COULD NEVER GET TO REALLY LIKE YOU, BUT IF YOU'D GET RID OF SOME OF THAT SNOT-NOSE, SOCIETY MIGHT AT LEAST BEGIN TO TOLERATE YOU.

SOCIETY TOLERATES ME JUST FINE, MR. PETER THOMAS! YOU'RE THE OUTCAST FROM SOCIETY, NOT ME!



THE ONE DOING THE KIDNAPPING... YOU'RE THE ONE CONTEMPLATING MURDER... YOU'RE THE MAD RAVISHER, NOT ME

WHAT? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SIT THERE AND TELL ME YOU DIDN'T ENJOY IT JUST MUCH AS I DID.

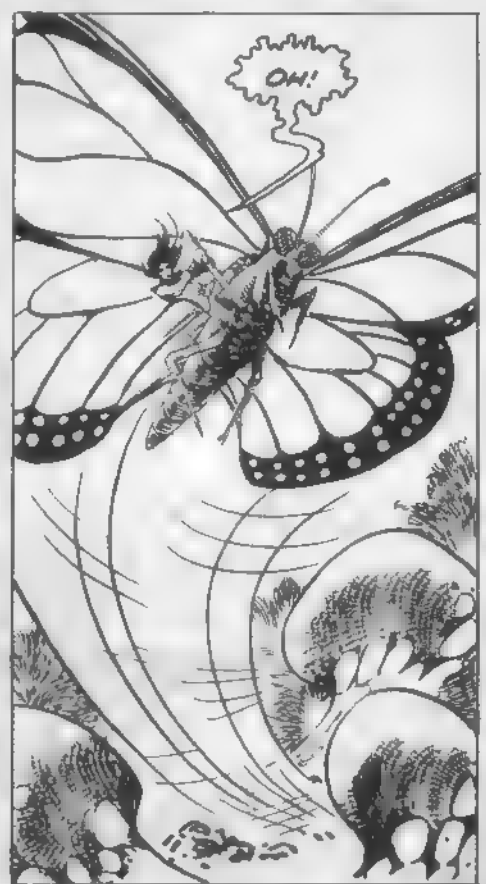
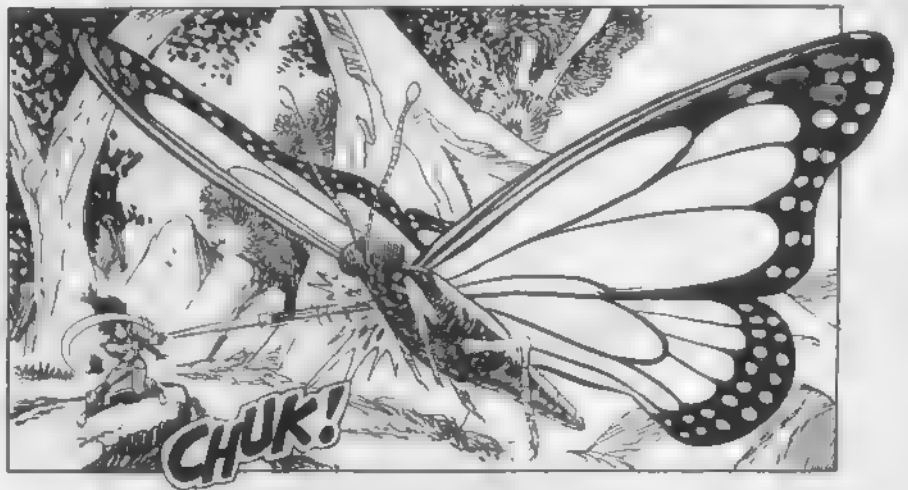


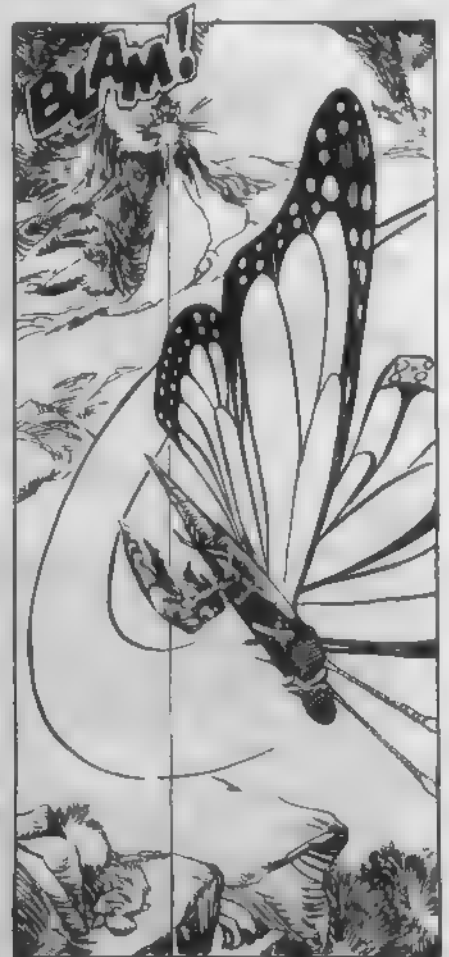
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GREEEAAAKK

WHAT'S THAT?

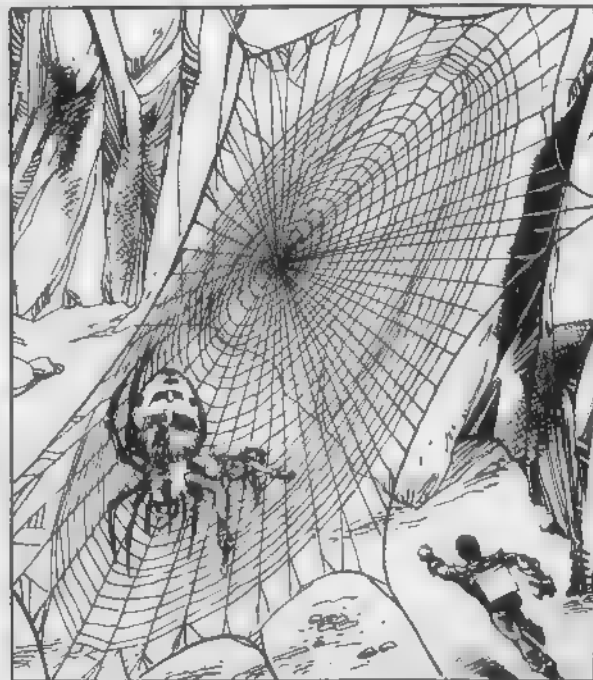
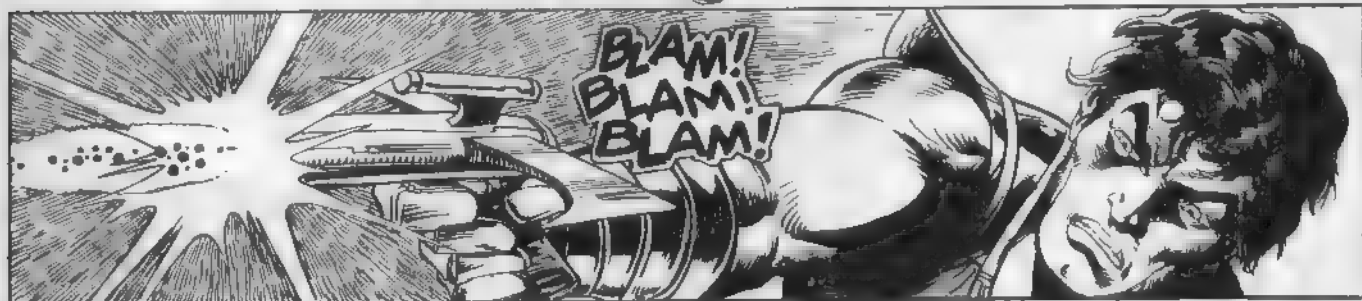


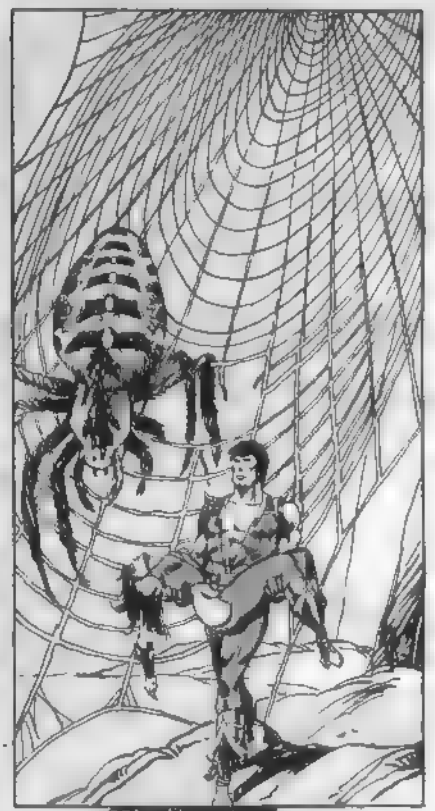












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PETER CLOSE
THE WINDOW...

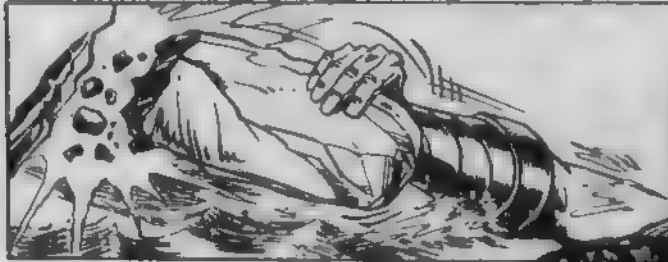


PETER ..
CLOSE THE
WINDOW, I'M
COLD..



I'M COLD,
PETER ..
COLD...



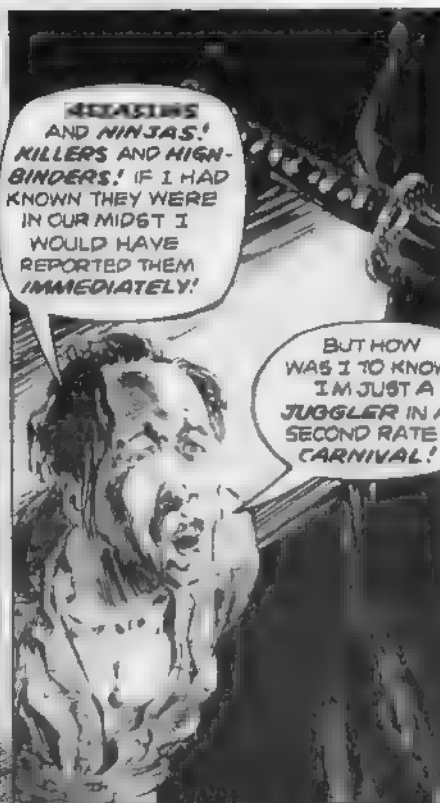




YES, YOUR LORDSHIP...UH
...YOU'RE EMINENCE,
SIR! OH FORGIVE ME,
HONORABLE ONE...YOU
STAND IN THE
SHADOWS...

I CAN BARELY
SEE YOUR FACE
OR YOUR BADGES
OR RANK...

PLEASE
HAVE **MERCY**
ON THIS
MISERABLE
LOUT...



**ASSASSINS
AND NINJAS!
KILLERS AND HIGH-
BINDER!** IF I HAD
KNOWN THEY WERE
IN OUR MIDST I
WOULD HAVE
REPORTED THEM
IMMEDIATELY!

BUT HOW
WAS I TO KNOW?
I'M JUST A
JUGGLER IN A
SECOND RATE
CARNIVAL!



THE **TWO** YOU ASK ABOUT
...THEY JOINED US THREE
MONTHS AGO WHEN WE BE-
GAN TO PLAY OUR PRESENT
CIRCUIT OF **MOUNTAIN SPAS**
AND **HOT SPRINGS...** REMOTE
AREAS . BUT PROFITABLE
DUE TO WEALTHY SPA
PATRONS.

WE JUST
THOUGHT THEM
TO BE FROM A
SAMURAI FAMILY
DOWN ON THEIR
LUCK...



BUT THE **R ACT!**

OH, IF YOU COULD HAVE **SEEN IT!**

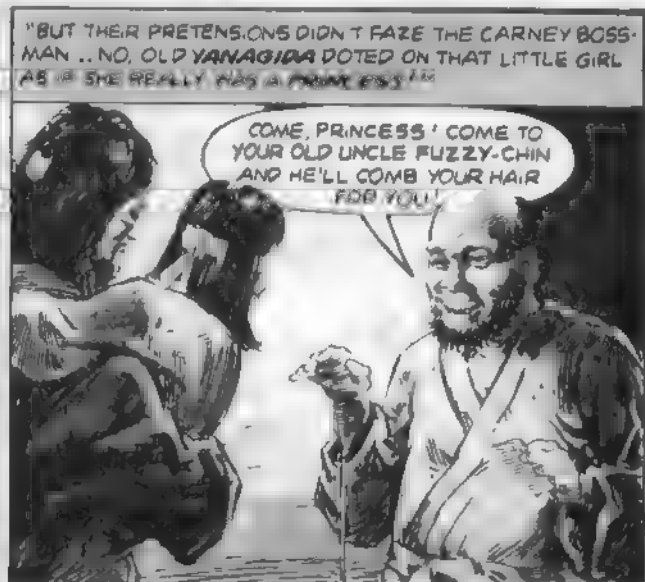
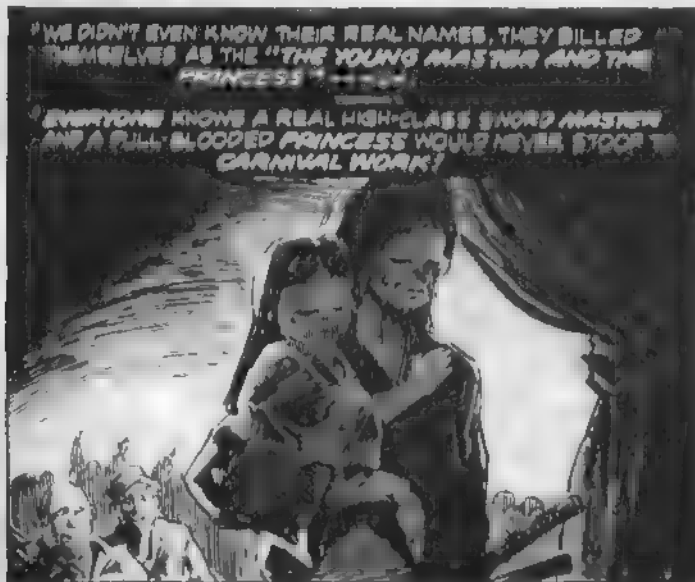
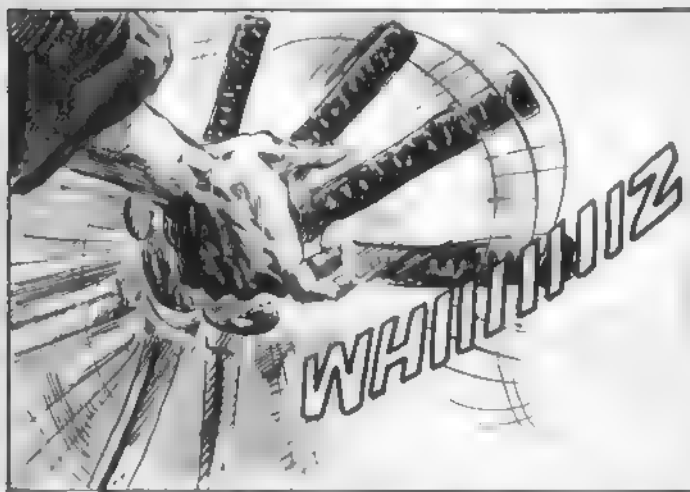


AS YOU KNOW, THEY WERE BOTH **BLIND!**
THE AUDIENCE WAS ALWAYS **DUMB-
FOUNDED** WHEN THEY APPEARED ON
STAGE...

...AFTER ALL, WHAT KIND OF
ENTERTAINMENT COULD
YOU EXPECT FROM A PAIR OF
DOWN AND OUT **CRIPPLES?**



A JUGGLERS TALE





YOUR HAIR IS LIKE SILK!
JUST LIKE FINE SILK FROM
THE MULBERRY FIELDS
OF CHINA! WHEN MY
LITTLE GIRL WAS YOUR
AGE, SHE HAD HAIR
JUST LIKE YOURS!

YES--
JUST LIKE
YOURS!



WHERE IS
YOUR LITTLE
GIRL? CAN
SHE PLAY
WITH ME?



NO PRINCESS. SHE
WENT FAR AWAY...
A LONG TIME AGO!



OH!!! I ALMOST
FORGOT! I HAVE A
PRESENT FOR YOU!

FOR
ME?



YES! A
BUTTERFLY
PIN FOR
YOUR HAIR!

IS IT
PRETTY?



MY
GOODNESS
YES! FIT FOR
A PRINCESS!

TIME
TO GO
NOW.

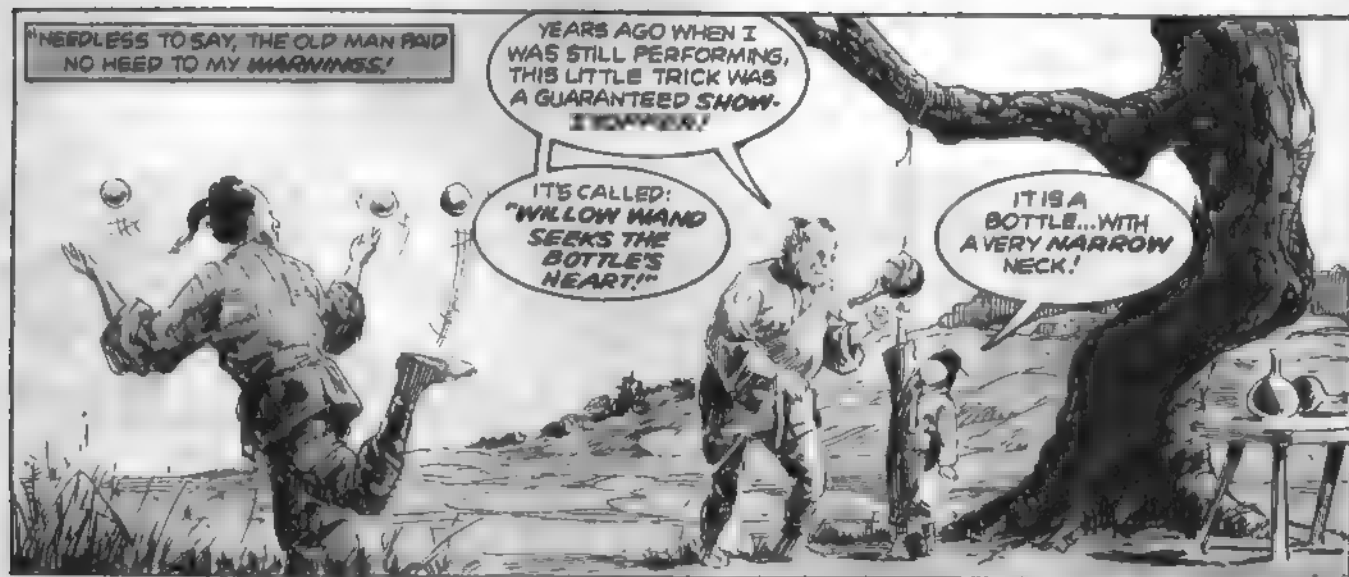


DON'T TRUST
HER, BOSS!

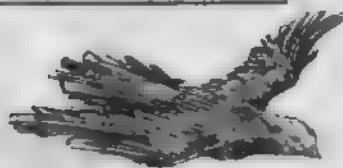
LITTLE GIRLS ARE
DANGEROUS! THE
STUPID ONES STAB YOU
IN THE BACK... THE
SMART ONES WAIT
'TIL YOU'RE LOOKIN'
'EM IN THE EYE!



JUGGLER,
YOU TALK TOO
MUCH! SOMEDAY
YOU'LL SAY THE
WRONG THING TO
THE WRONG MAN
AT THE WRONG
TIME!



"A FEW WEEKS LATER I WAS PRACTICING IN THE COURTYARD OF THE INN AT OKAYAMA HOT SPRINGS..."



"ORDINARILY, I WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN THAT PIGEON A SECOND LOOK..."



"... THIS ONE FLEW A STRAIGHT COURSE..."

"...TO BOSS YANAGIDA'S ROOM!"

"DISCRETE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE PIGEON AS A CARRIER OF SECRET MESSAGES..."



"...BUT THIS ONE DIDN'T FLIT ABOUT LIKE NORMAL BIRDS DO..."



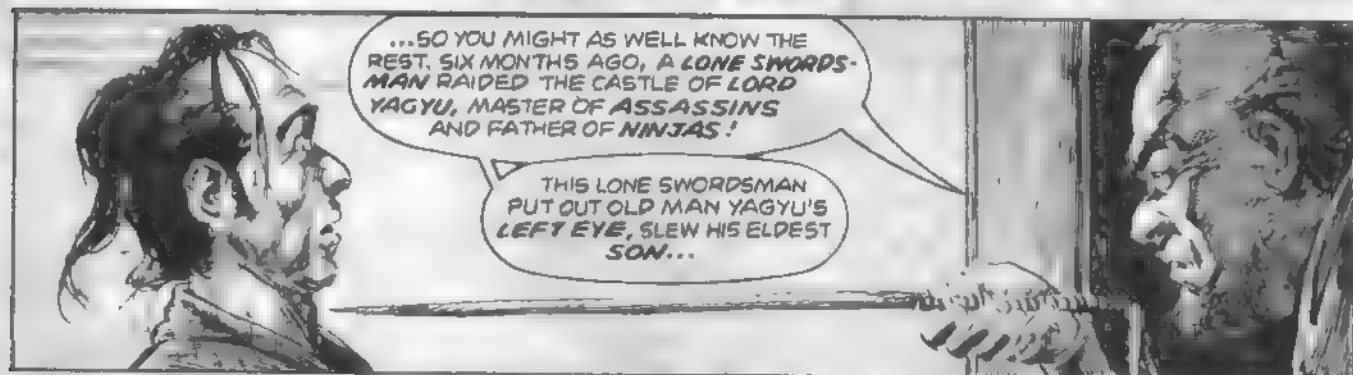
"...ONE OF WHICH WAS SO STARTLING THAT IT MOVED THE RECIPIENT..."



"WHO SLAY THE MESSENGER!"

SQUAK!

"UP UNTIL THAT POINT, I HADN'T REALIZED HOW SHARP THE OLD MAN'S WILLOW WAND WAS. NOR HAD I DISCERNED THAT..."







"THE BOSS HESITATED ONE SECOND TOO LONG..."



"...AS THE PRINCESS PLUCKED THE BUTTERFLY PIN FROM HER HAIR..."

"...AND COCKED HER HEAD AS IF LISTENING..."



"...TO THE AIR MOVING PAST THE OLD MAN'S NOSTRIL LIKE THE WIND WHISTLING ACROSS THE MOUTH OF A NARROW-NECKED BOTTLE!"



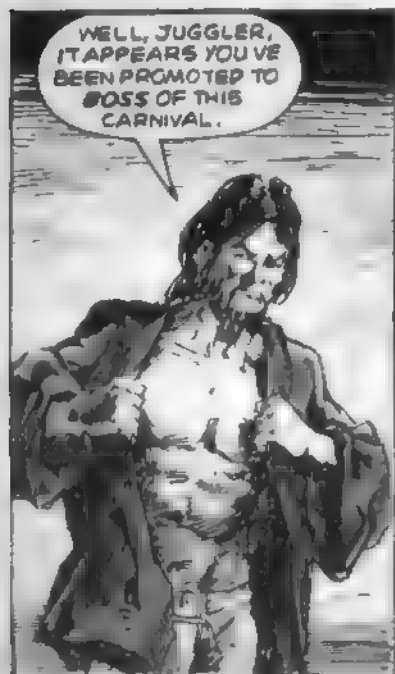
THERE WAS NO NEED TO KILL HIM YOURSELF, PRINCESS...MY SWORD WAS DRAWN BELOW THE POOL'S SURFACE

NO.



IT WAS BETTER FOR HIM TO KNOW IN THE END THAT HIS SKILLS WOULD LIVE ON THROUGH ME...HE HAD NOTHING ELSE LEFT. I NEVER TOLD HIM BUT I SHARED A CELL IN YAGYU CASTLE WITH HIS DAUGHTER...

...SHE CUT HER OWN THROAT TWO YEARS AGO.



WELL, JUGGLER, IT APPEARS YOU'VE BEEN PROMOTED TO BOSS OF THIS CARNIVAL.



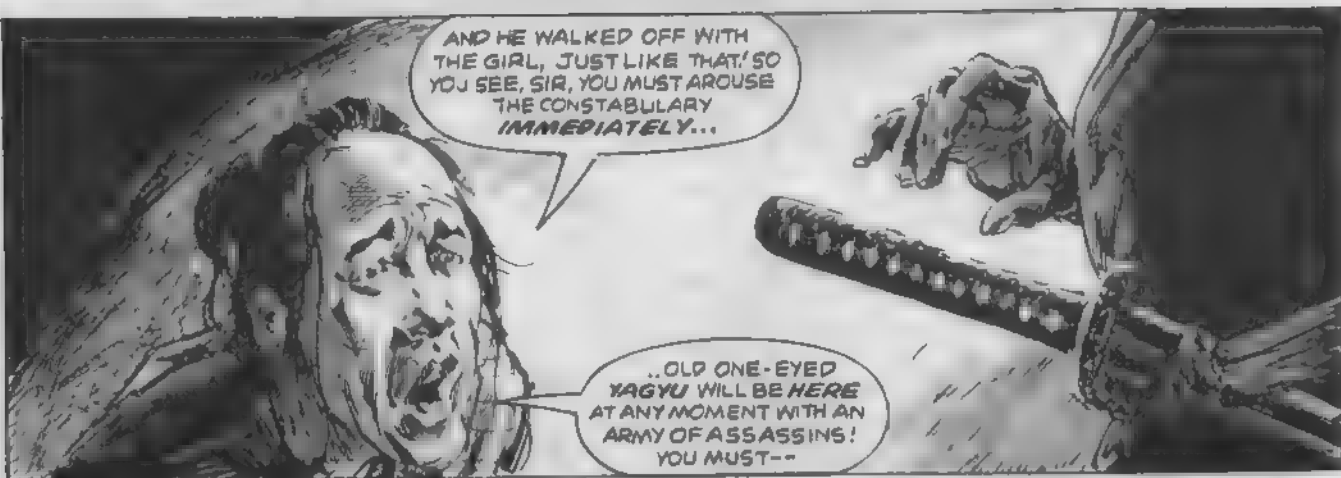
YOU C-C-CAN SEE?



THE SPRING WATERS HAVE GRADUALLY WASHED AWAY THE NINJA'S POISONS THAT BLINDED ME...



...ENJOY YOUR NEW POSITION AND GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE ONE-EYED MAN WHEN HE COMES CALLING!





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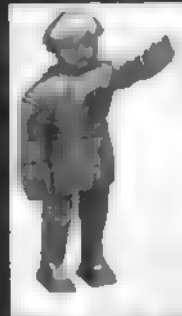
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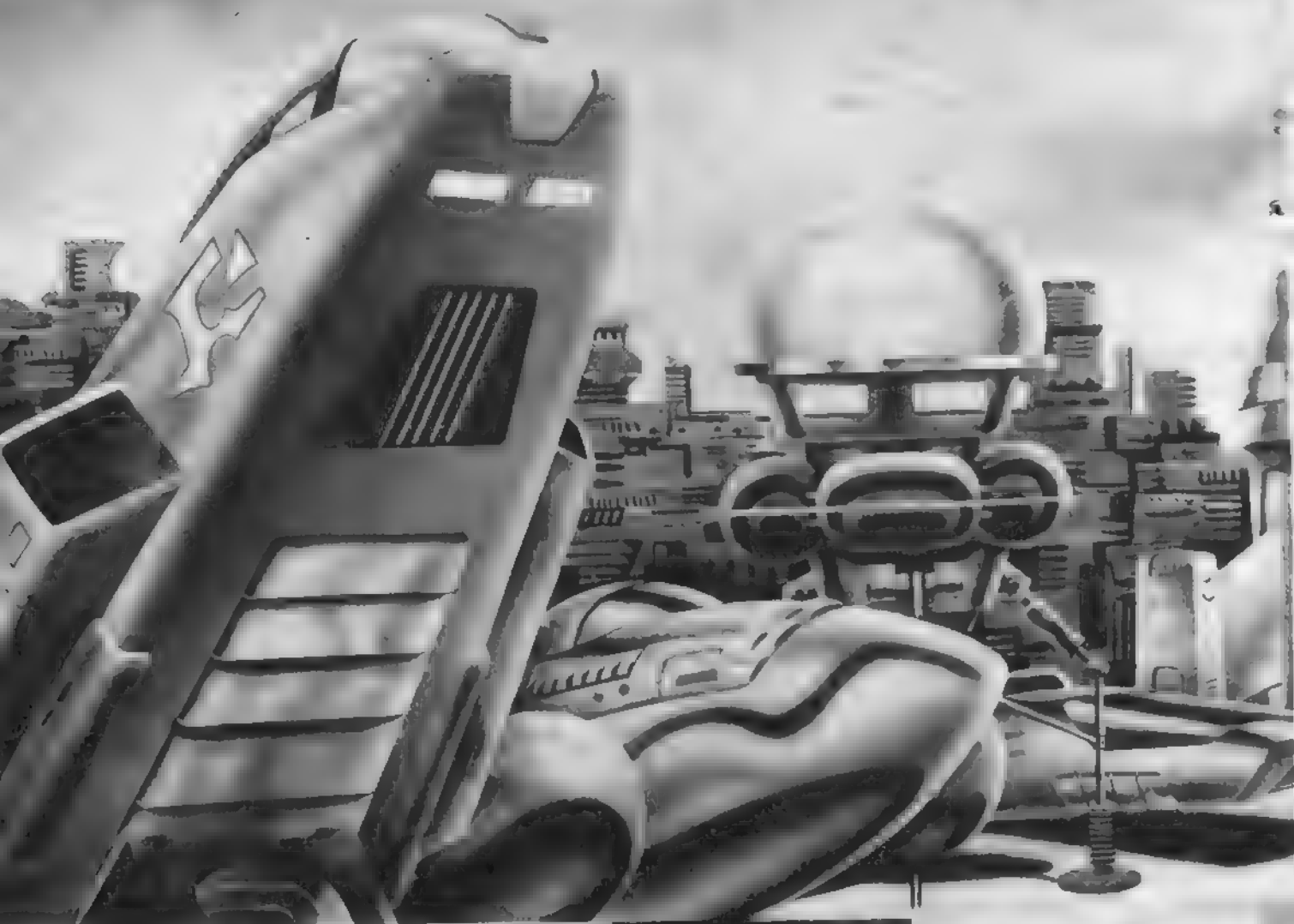


TWIKI Buck's faithful robot companion! #26165/\$3.19

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"WELL, IT'S ANOTHER SPECTACULAR DAY HERE ON RYGUR-DELTA 4! THE CONTESTANTS IN OUR ANNUAL INTRA-SOLAR RACE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A MORE IDEAL ORANGE SKY TO LEAVE BEHIND THEM!"

"YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, MOV! BUT NOT EVEN THE MOST ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS COULD HAVE KEPT THESE NINE PLANET JOCKEYS FROM ENTERING THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION...AS OUR REGULAR VIEWERS WILL KNOW!"




THIS IS
CONTROL CENTER,
EX-9! AWAITING
CONFIRMATION! YOU
ARE REVVED AND
READY TO
PROCEED!

REVVED AND
READY, CENTER! YOU
MAY INITIATE THE
RACE!



"INDEED, INDEED! IN FACT, TO THIS OBSERVER IT SEEMS EACH NEW GENERATION OF JOCKEYS HAS MORE DETERMINATION, STAMINA AND GAIT THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS! WOULD YOU AGREE, KARRY?"

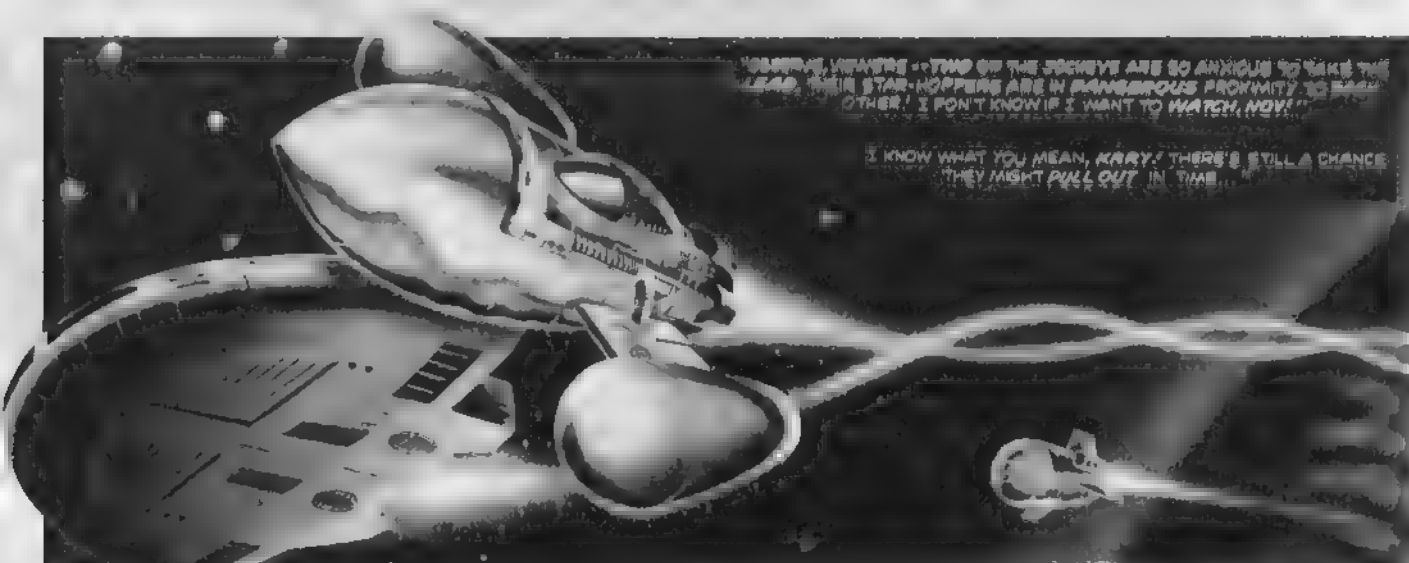
RACE OF THE DAMNED



"YOU LEFT OUT THEIR EVER-IMPROVING TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THE NEURO-IMPLANTS THEY'VE BEEN FITTED WITH TO ENHANCE THEIR ALREADY SUPERB PILOTING REFLEXES! YES SIR, TODAY'S JOCKEYS ARE QUITE A TESTAMENT TO HUMAN PERSISTENCE AND FORTITUDE!"

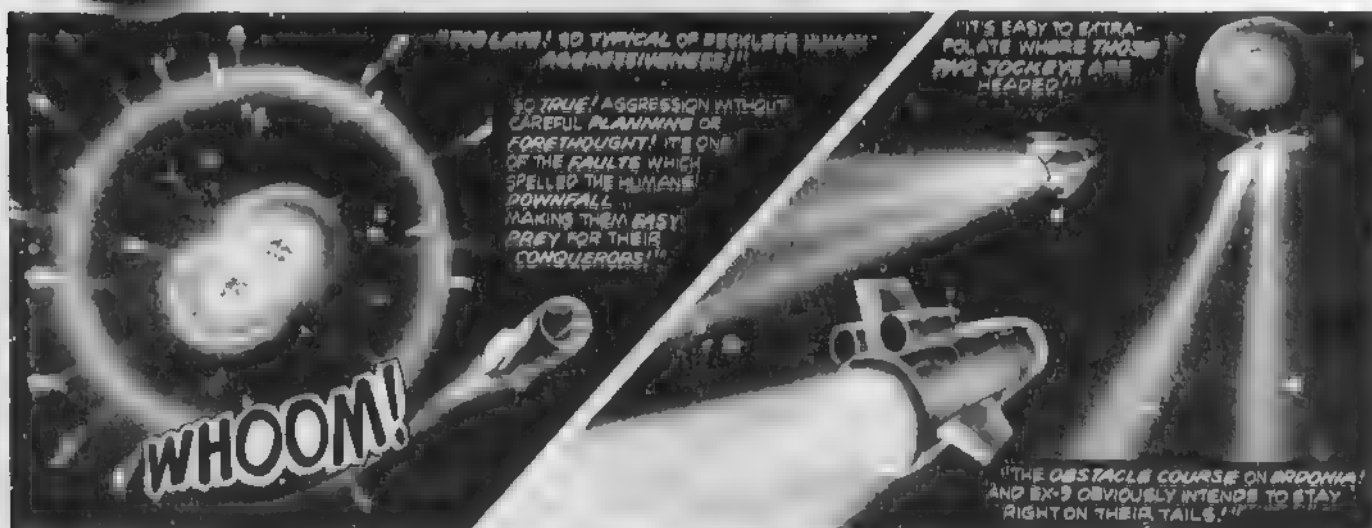


"AND THEY'RE OFF AND FLYING!"



"OBSERVE, VENTURE -- TWO OF THE JOCKEYS ARE SO ANXIOUS TO TAKE THE LEAD, THEIR STAR-HOPPERS ARE IN DANGEROUS PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER! I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO WATCH, NOW!"

"I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, KARRY! THERE'S STILL A CHANCE THEY MIGHT PULL OUT IN TIME..."



"TOO LATE! SO TYPICAL OF BECKLESS HUMAN AGGRESSIVENESS!"

"SO TRUE! AGGRESSION WITHOUT CAREFUL PLANNING OR FORETHOUGHT! IT'S ONE OF THE FAULTS WHICH SPELLED THE HUMAN DOWNFALL, MAKING THEM EASY PREY FOR THEIR CONQUERORS!"

"IT'S EASY TO EXTRAPOLATE WHERE THOSE TWO JOCKEYS ARE HEADED!"

"THE OBSTACLE COURSE ON BRONNIA! AND EX-3 OBVIOUSLY INTENDS TO STAY RIGHT ON THEIR TAILS!"

WHOOOM!



"THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY HOPING TO LOSE HIM SOMEWHERE IN THAT DEADLY TEN MILE SWATH OF STEEL SPIKES!"



"AT THEIR VELOCITY -- EVEN ONE MICRO ERROR IN JUDGEMENT COULD SPELL INSTANT OBLITERATION!"

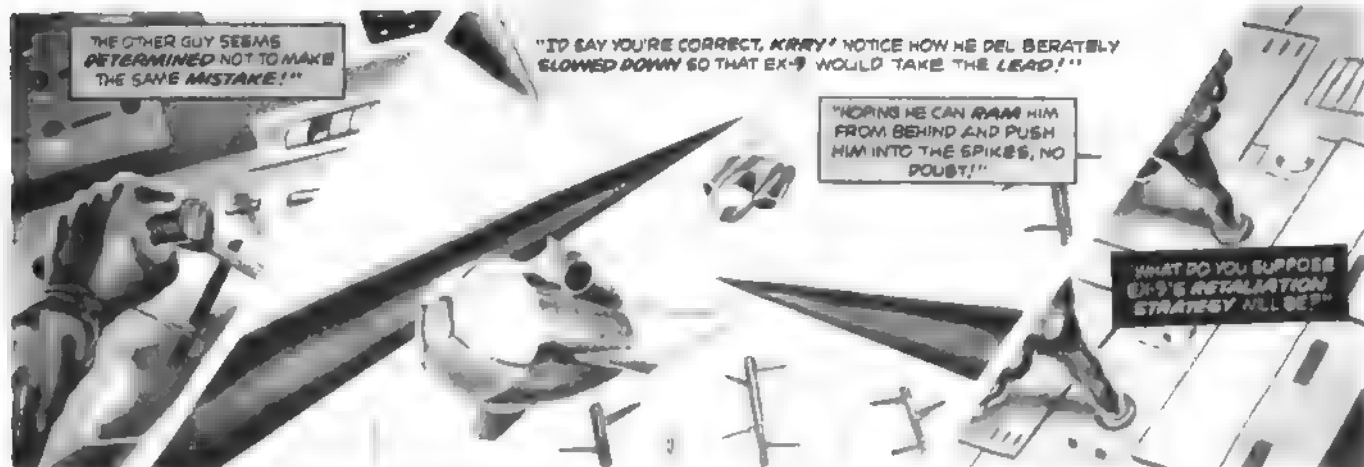
"CHECK OUT THAT JOCKEY IN THE LEAD, KARRY! HIS STAR-HOPPER IS STARTING TO HAVER!"



KER-ANG!

CH-WOOOM!

"TOO BAD! HE APPEARS TO HAVE LOST CONTROL AT THE WRONG MOMENT!"

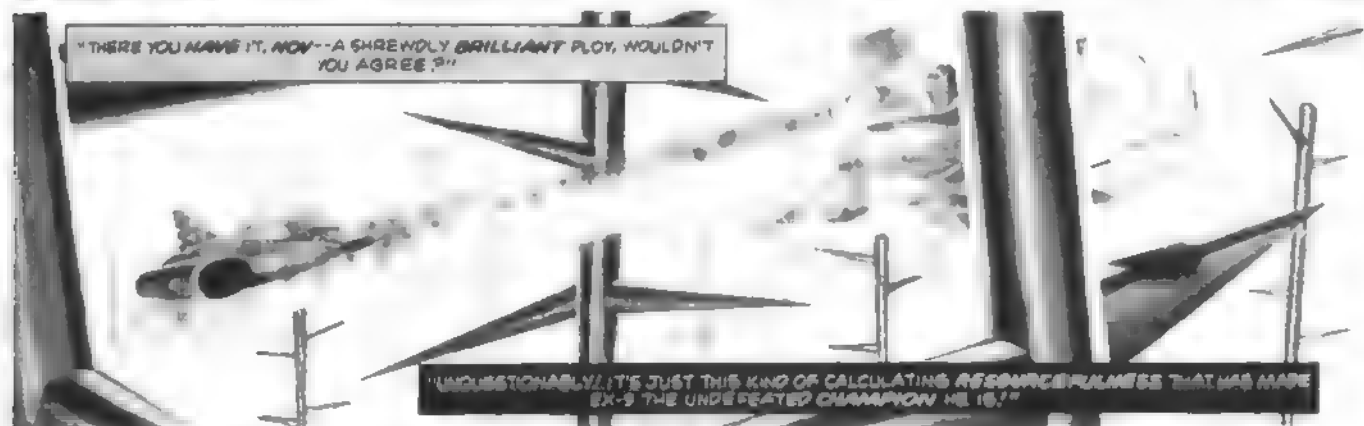


"THE OTHER GUY SEEMS DETERMINED NOT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE!"

"TO SAY YOU'RE CORRECT, KERRY! NOTICE HOW HE DELIBERATELY SLOWED DOWN SO THAT EX-9 WOULD TAKE THE LEAD!"

"HOPING HE CAN RAM HIM FROM BEHIND AND PUSH HIM INTO THE SPIKES, NO DOUBT!"

"WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE EX-9'S RETALIATION STRATEGY WILL BE?"



"THERE YOU HAVE IT, NOW--A SHREWDLY BRILLIANT PLOT, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?"

"UNQUESTIONABLY, IT'S JUST THIS KIND OF CALCULATING RESOURCEFULNESS THAT HAS MADE EX-9 THE UNDEFEATED CHAMPION HE IS."



"BUT PERHAPS WE'D BETTER EXPLAIN FOR THE VIEWERS' EX-9 HAS RELEASED A BURST OF MAGNETIZED ION-PARTICLES..."

"WHICH WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF TRANSFORMING HIS OPPONENT INTO A FLYING MAGNET!"

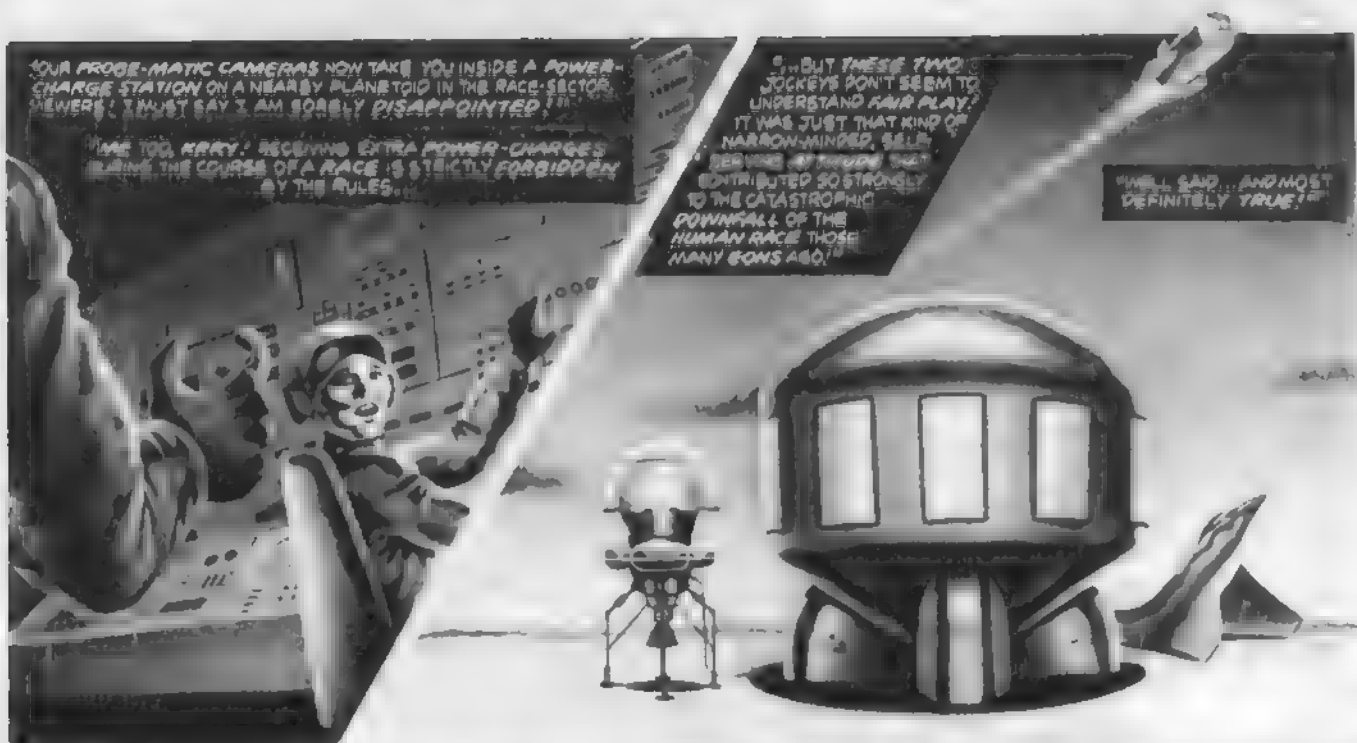
"NO MATTER HOW PROFICIENT HE IS WITH HIS CONTROL STICK..."



"BUT HE GAVE IT A GOOD TRY--AND THAT'S THE KIND OF COMPETITIVE SPIRIT THAT MAKES THESE RACES SO EXCITING!"

SH-RANG!

"HE WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE TREMENDOUS MAGNETIC ATTRACTION BETWEEN HIS HULL AND THE METAL SPIKES!"

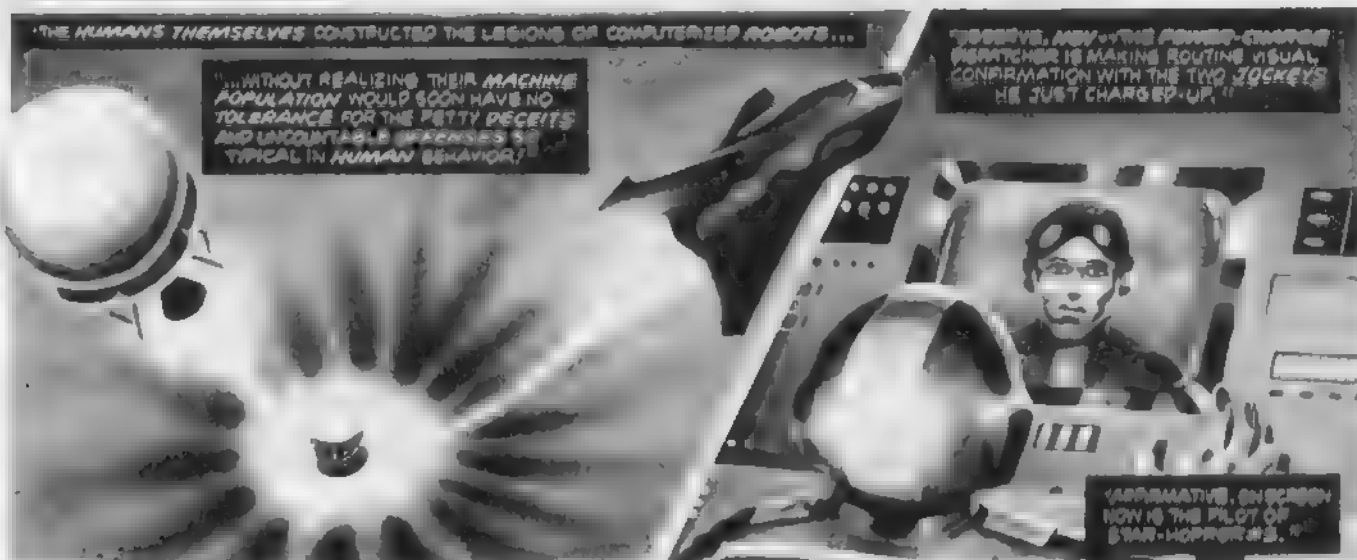


"YOUR PROBE-MATIC CAMERAS NOW TAKE YOU INSIDE A POWER-CHARGE STATION ON A NEARBY PLANETOID IN THE RACE-SECTOR. VIEWERS: I MUST SAY I AM SOBLY DISAPPOINTED."

"I'M TOO KERRY: RECEIVING EXTRA POWER-CHARGES DURING THE COURSE OF A RACE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN BY THE RULES."

"...BUT THESE TWO JOCKEYS DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND FAIR PLAY. IT WAS JUST THAT KIND OF NARROW-MINDED, SELF-SERVING ATTITUDE THAT CONTRIBUTED SO STRONGLY TO THE CATASTROPHIC DOWNFALL OF THE HUMAN RACE THOSE MANY EONS AGO."

"WELL SAID...AND MOST DEFINITELY TRUE!"



"THE HUMANS THEMSELVES CONSTRUCTED THE LEGIONS OF COMPUTERIZED ROBOTS..."

"...WITHOUT REALIZING THEIR MACHINE POPULATION WOULD SOON HAVE NO TOLERANCE FOR THE PETTY DECEITS AND UNCOUNTABLE OFFENSES SO TYPICAL IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR?"

"DESERVE, ANY--THE POWER-CHARGE FIGHTER IS MAKING ROUTINE VISUAL CONFIRMATION WITH THE TWO JOCKEYS HE JUST CHARGED-UP."

"AFFIRMATIVE, ON-SCREEN NOW IS THE PILOT OF STAR-HOPPER'S."

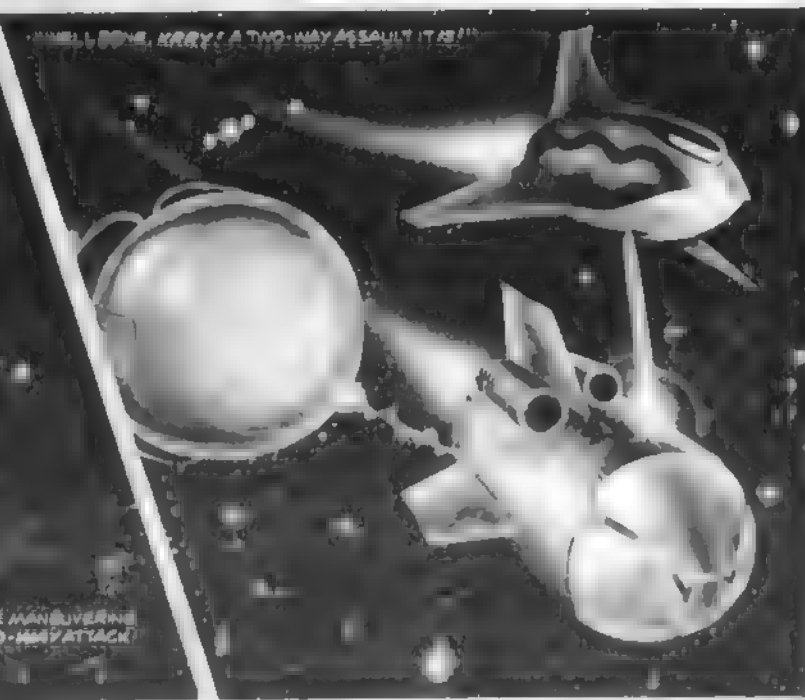
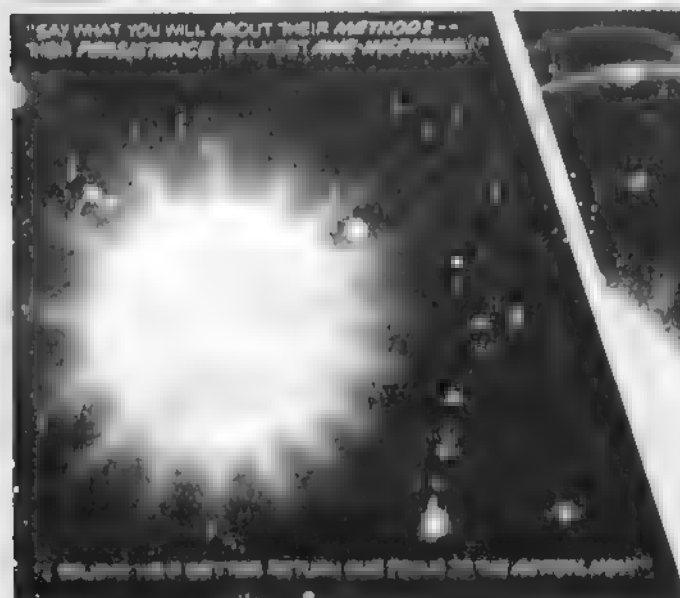
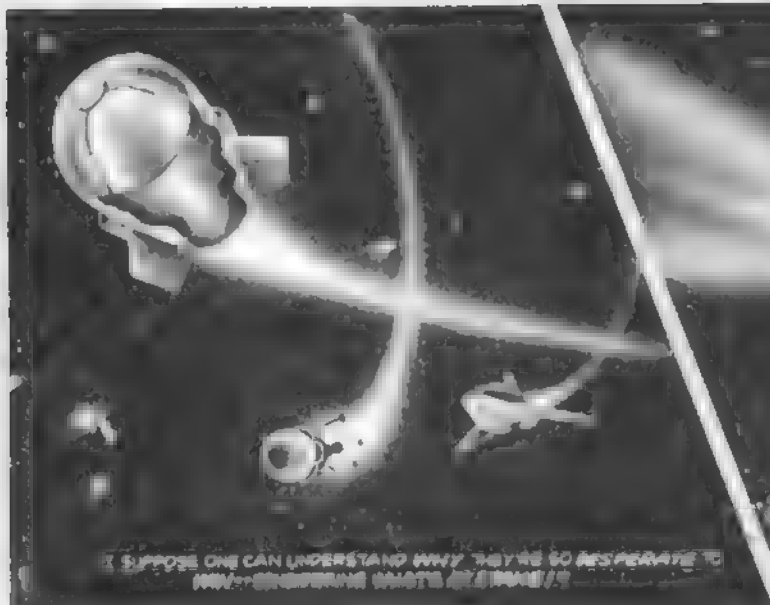


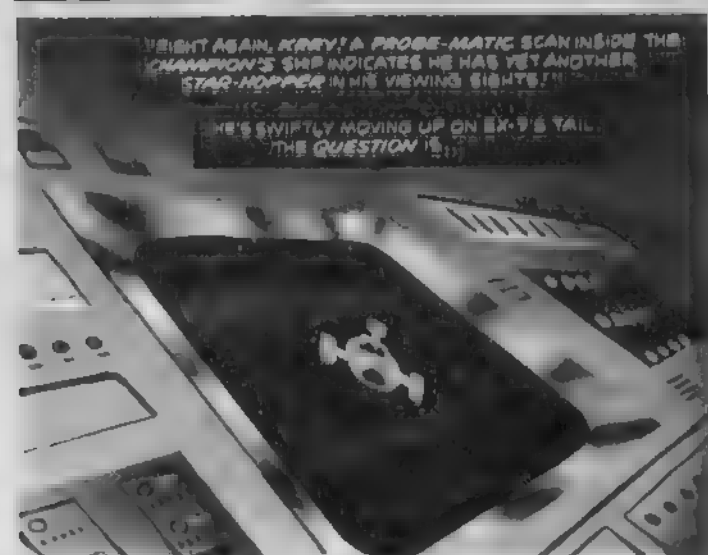
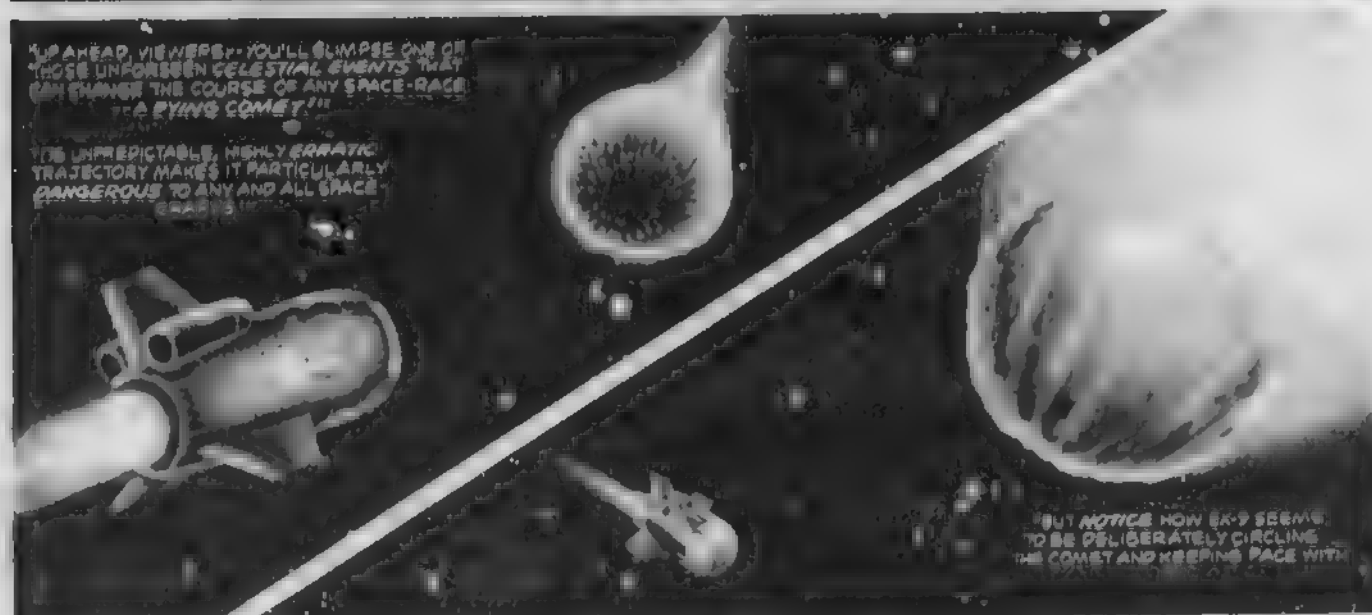
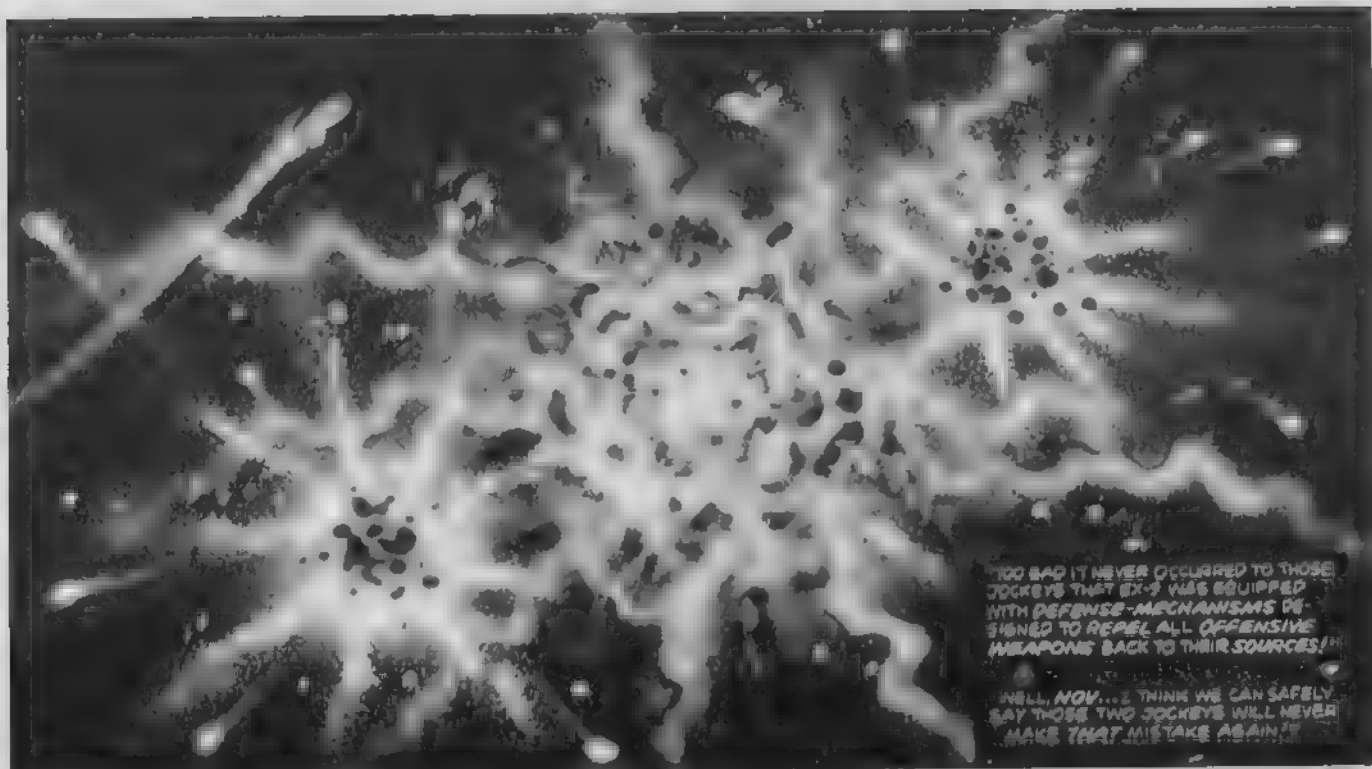
"I BELIEVE NOW HE'S TALKING IN ON THE PILOT OF STAR-HOPPER'S."

"STUNNED BY THAT STUNNED LOOK OF SHOCK, I'D SAY YOU WERE CORRECT, MARY."

"AND YES, PERHAPS MANY OF YOU VIEWERS ARE ALSO SHOCKED BY THE SEEMINGLY TENDER AGE OF THE PILOT. BUT DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY A MASH OF YOUTH!"

"ABSOLUTELY! HUMANS CAN AND DO MANIFEST THEIR REPUGNANT, INFERIOR WAYS AT ANY AGE--AN UNFORTUNATE BUT ACCURATE TRUTH."





11 P.M....

WHAT'S *WRONG*,
BIG FELLA... AFRAID
YOUR OLD DADDY'LL
DROP YOU?

DON'T GIVE IT A
SECOND THOUGHT.
I'VE *NEVER LOST*
A KID YET.

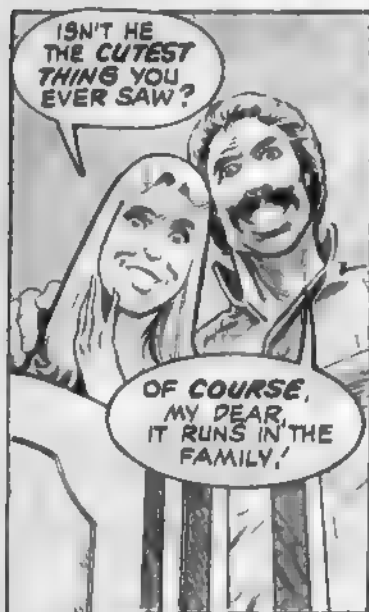
WAAA?

RIGHT,
MOMMY?

RIGHT DADDY.
THERE'S *NOTHING*
TO WORRY ABOUT.
NOTHING AT ALL!

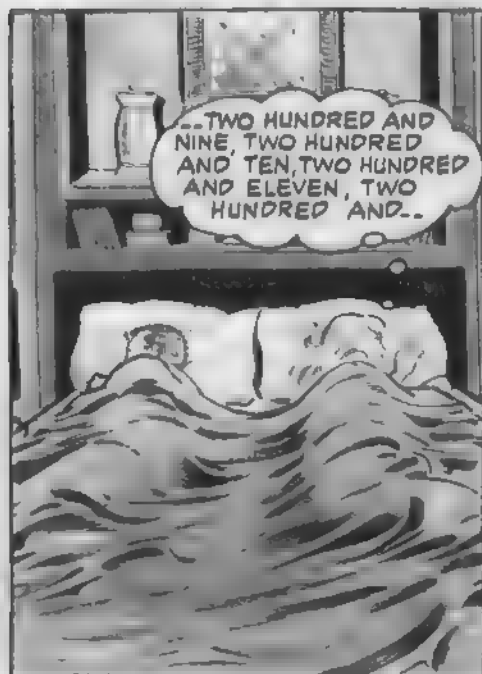
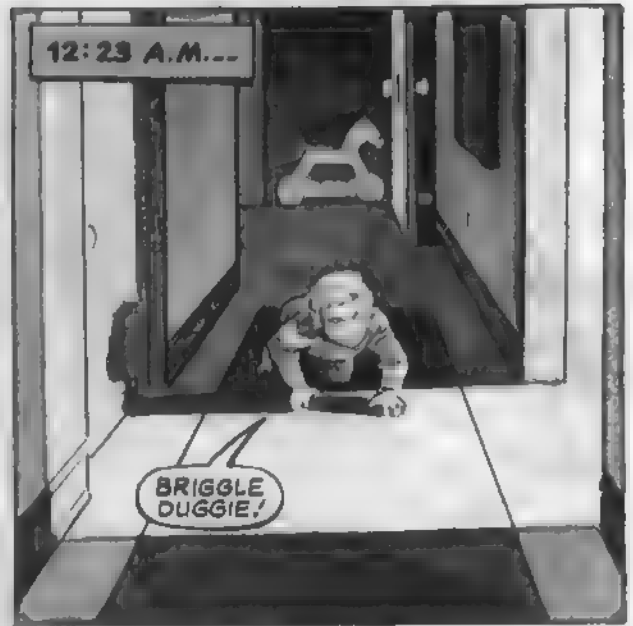
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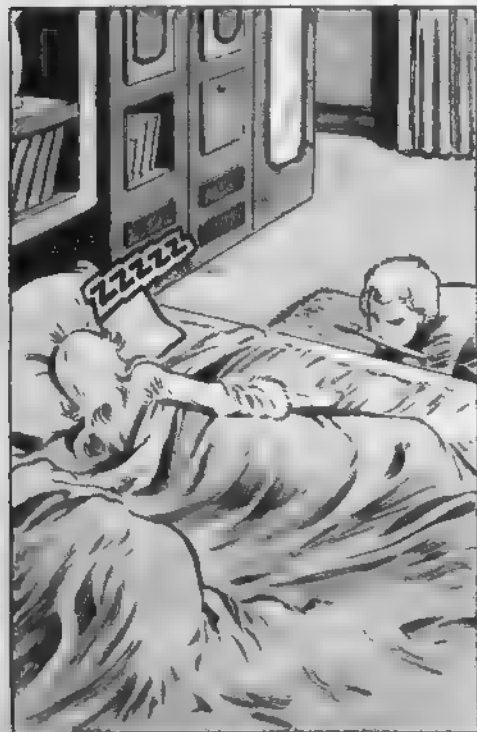
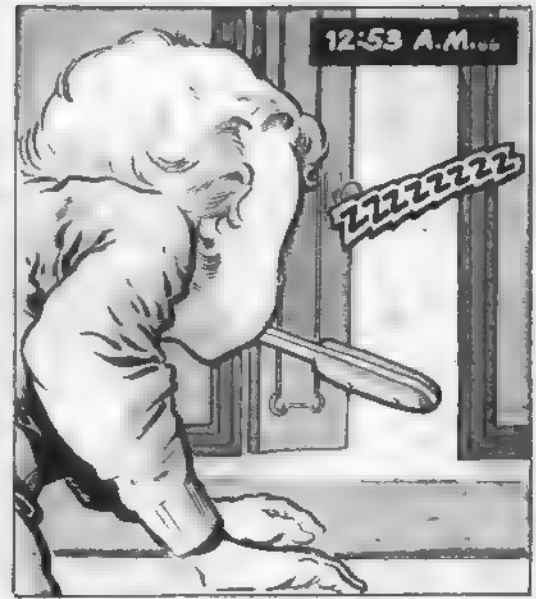


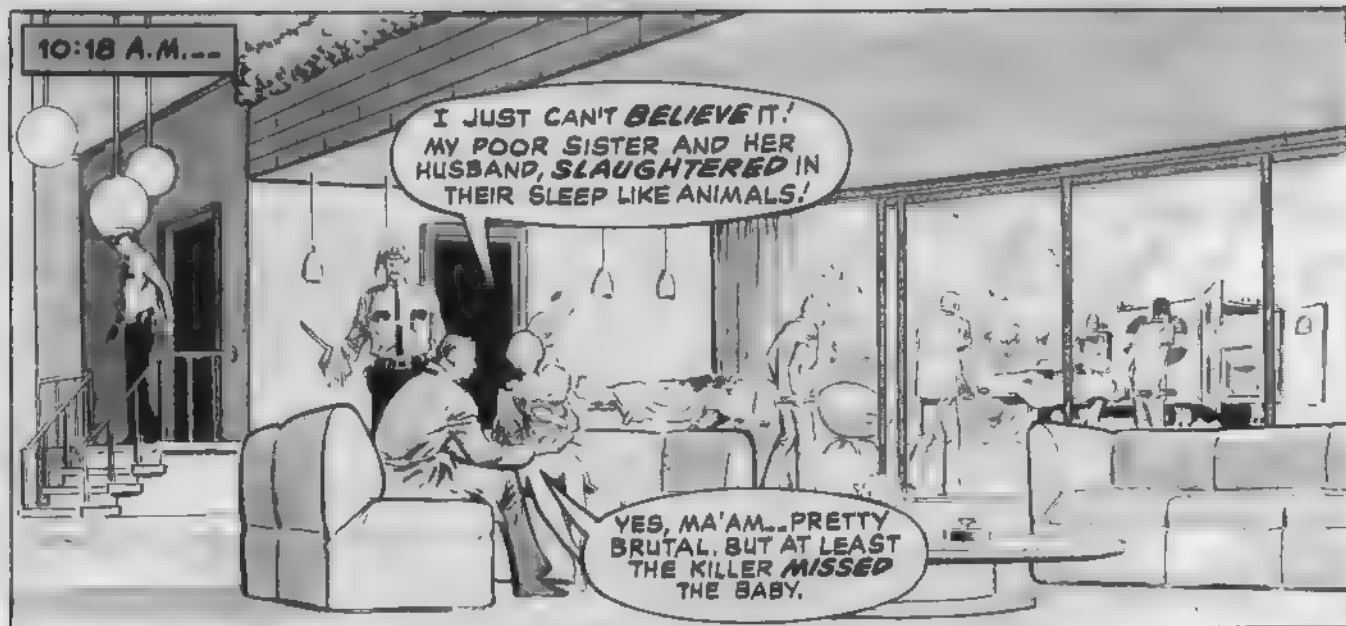












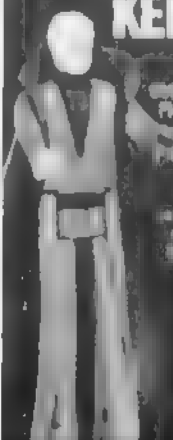
STAR WARS

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SAND PEOPLE



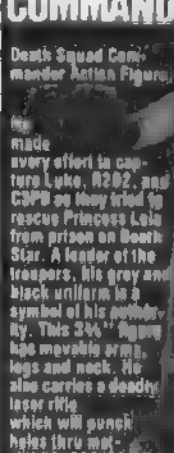
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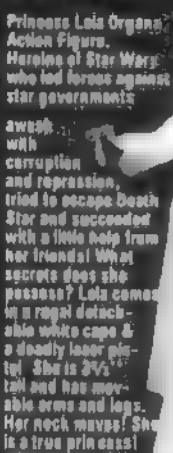
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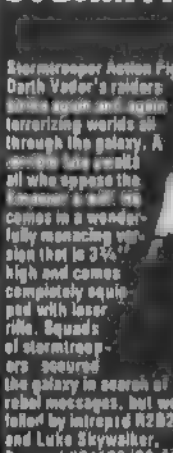
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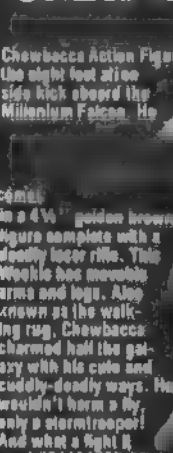
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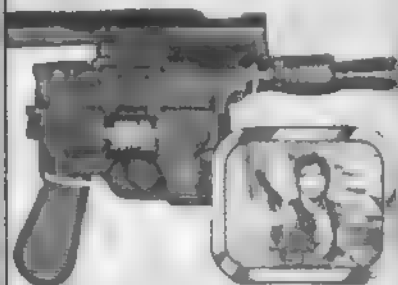
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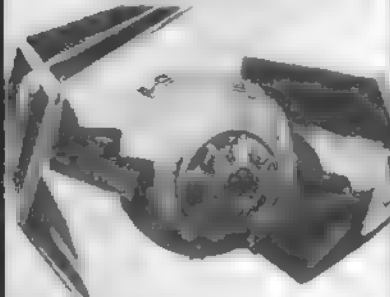
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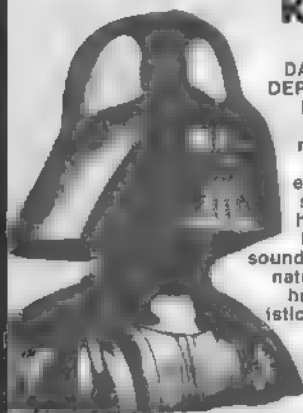
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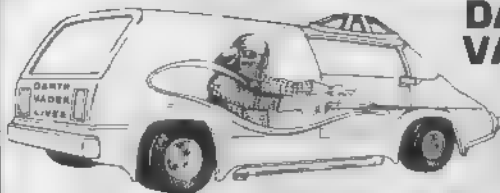


DARTH VADER FIGURE Darth Vader stalks menacingly in this easy to assemble model kit. Darth's figure is 11 1/2" tall and a movable arm grips a nasty 8 3/4" light saber that glows in the dark! This kit is highly detailed and molded in a shiny black plastic. The authentic Star Wars model kit. This is guaranteed to bring you hours of pleasure! #24225/\$5.95

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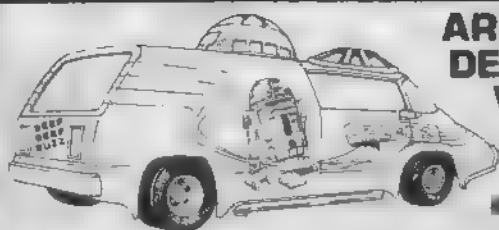


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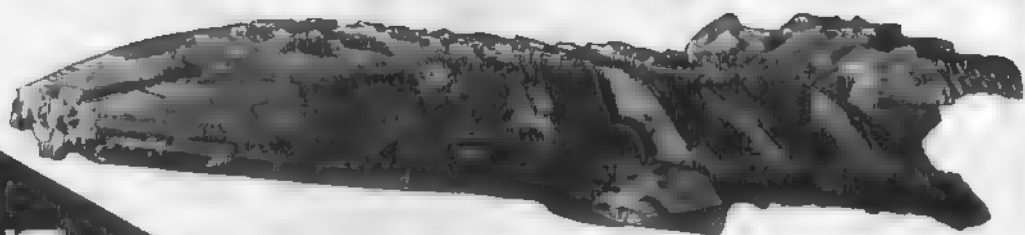
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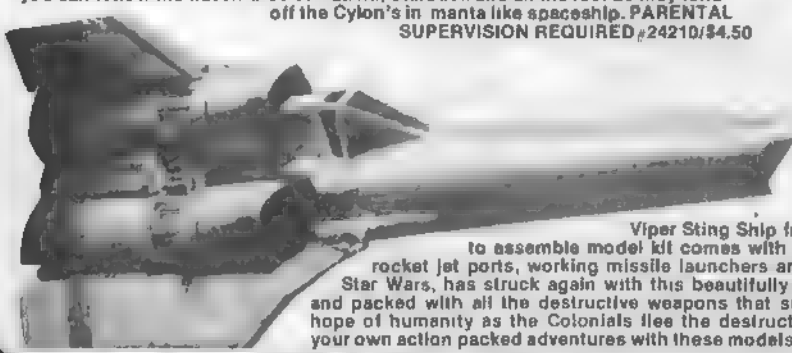
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*They're Out of this World
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CYLON RAIDER

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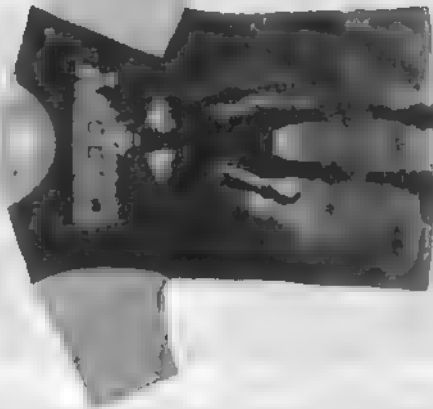
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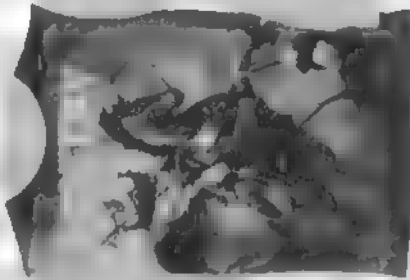
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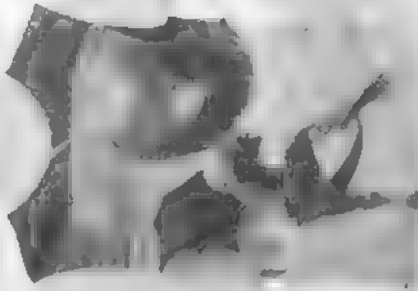
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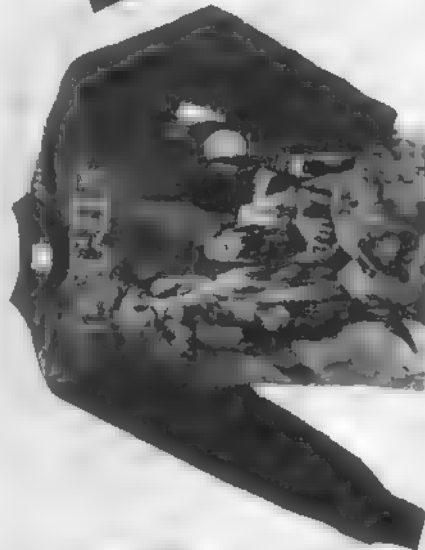
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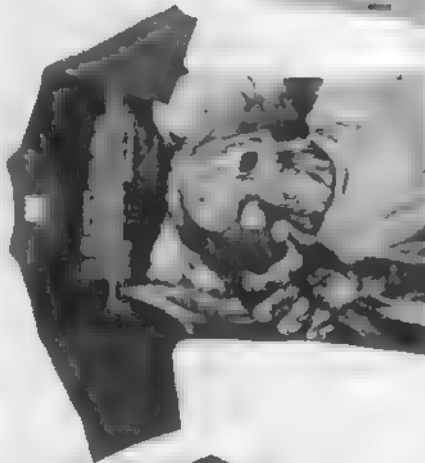
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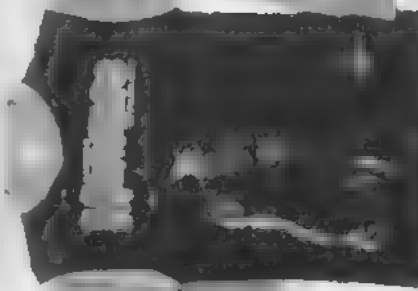
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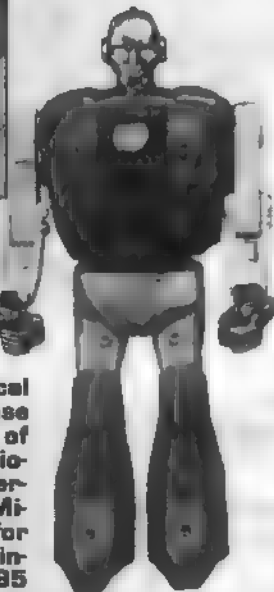


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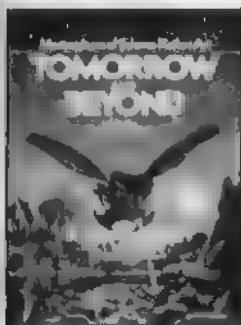


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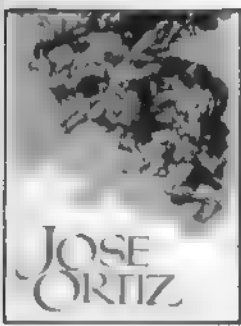
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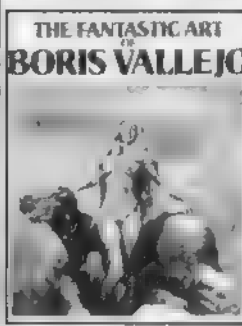


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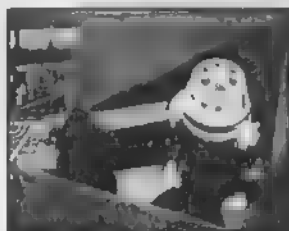
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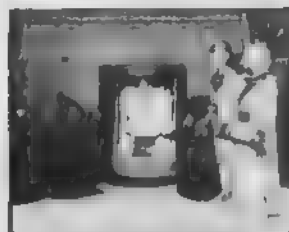
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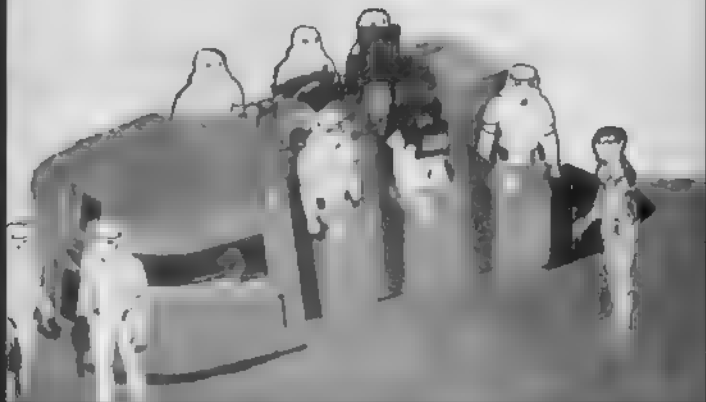
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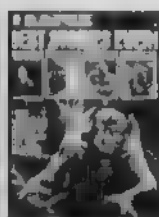
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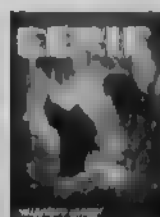
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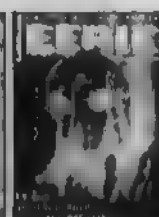
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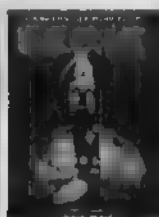
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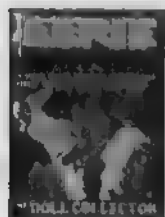
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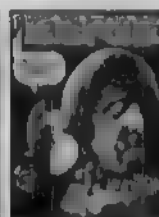
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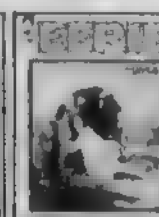
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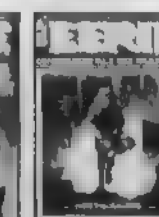
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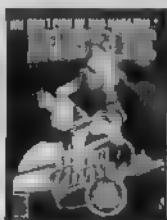
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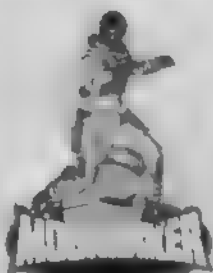
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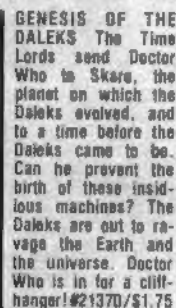
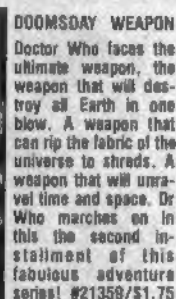
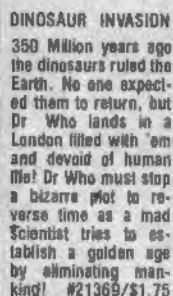
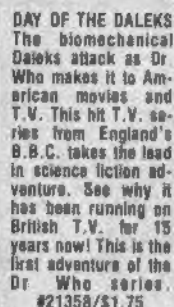
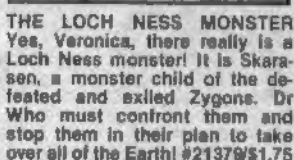
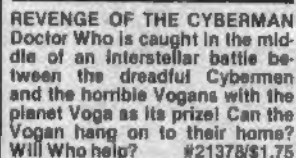
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